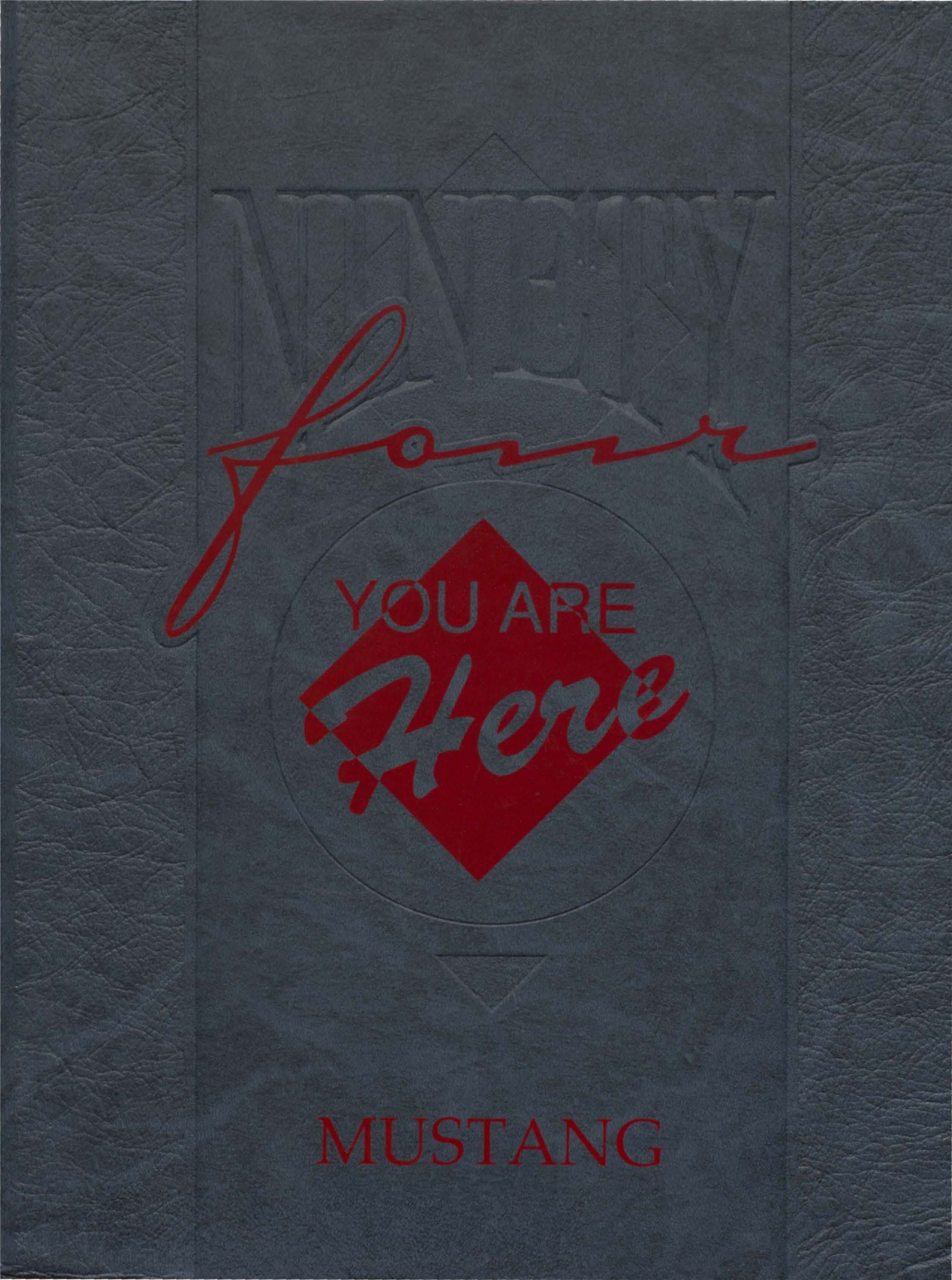
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We lived, played, and on rare occasions, slept HERE with our friends at George Mason. This place was where we all watched out for one another, where we lent a helping hand where it was needed.

WE WERE HERE for our vigorous classes, competitive sports, and all sorts of after school activities. George Mason was a special part of our lives. In our hearts WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE!!!!

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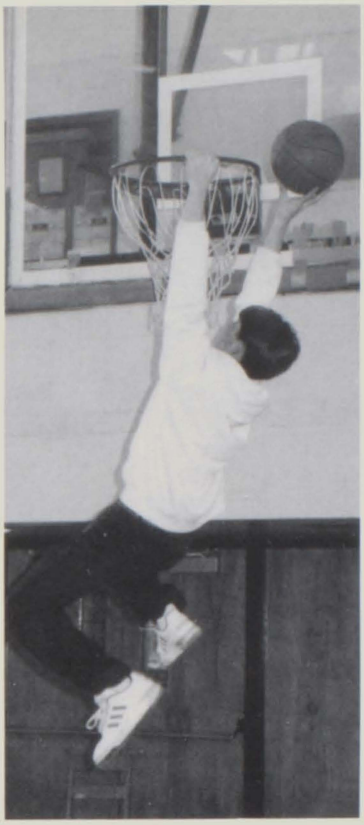
You Begin HERE!

Above: UPSIDE DOWN! Senior Dinah Moore lets it all fall out as she kicks up into a hand stand. Dinah always found some way to amuse everyone around her with some wacky, wild stunt.

Right: TO BIG FOR THEIR BRITCHES, Freshmen pals Leslie Day and Christina Pagano try on their new gym shorts.

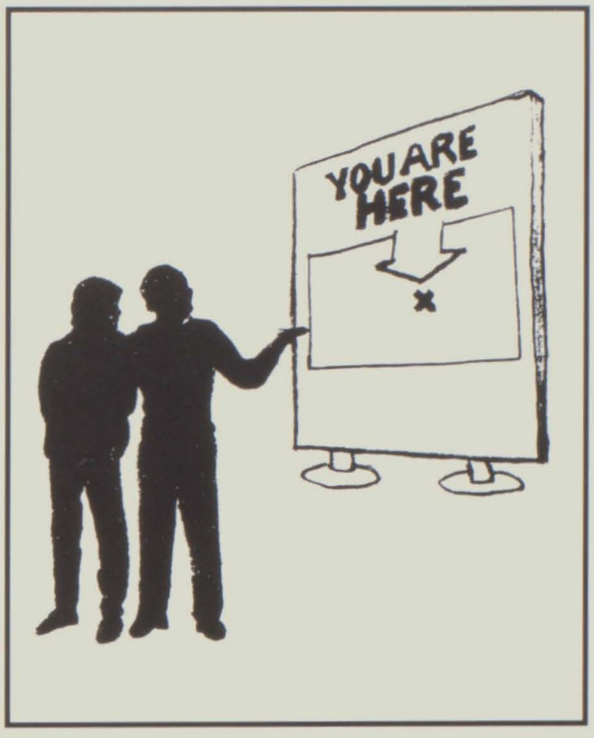


Left: SLAM DUNK IT! During his free period, Junior Jeremy O'Hara always finds time to catch up on basketball and practice for the winter season.

Below: DURING PAJAMA DAY, Senior Oscar Fuentes plays the part of a real sleepy head by taking a good stretch during one of his classes.

Above: SHARING A PAT ON THE BACK, Seniors Adrienne Sedei and Toni Fitzgerald laugh together during lunch. Toni and Adrienne have been friends since they were in elementary school and will always keep in touch.

Left: AWWWWW, BROTHERLY LOVE! Junior Sam Mejias and Freshman Galen Reich bond together during the morning break by horsing around.



Life at George Mason was never boring. All one had to do was sit in the halls after school and find some way to keep entertained. Whether it was hanging with our friends, or going to the school play, George Mason students were always busy. Ranging from The First Week of School to hanging out in the Senior Lounge, Student Life at George Mason consisted of many things other than studying. That was what set us apart from other schools because at G.M. WE HUNG OUT HERE!

Right: ALL COUPLES CAME TOGETHER for the spotlight dance of the evening. This dance is led by the King and Queen, followed by the court and the rest of the prom crew. It's a special moment for everyone.

Below: CUTE PROM COUPLE, Kiernan Graves and Norman Lipps catch their breath from all the outrageous dancing. Prom is a night to let it all hang out and these two really did when it came to having fun.

Above: GETTING READY for the Prom isn't just deciding where to eat and what to wear. A lot of work goes into making the ambiance unique. Toni Fitzgerald, Stacey Mize, Samantha Petrich, and Chris Dietz worked together to create a modern theme--fitting perfectly with the Torpedo Factory's natural and unique style.

Right: LOOKING SLICK and debonair, Eddie Anderson struts his stuff. Eddie was just as slick on the dance floor as he looked that night.

PROM 1993

"There Will Never Be Another Tonight."

When entering the Torpedo Factory, one was reminded of the George Mason renovation. It was a rustic yet charming atmosphere complemented by silver sequined balloons and gutter pipes. The Prom was in close quarters which was an advantage. Everyone was in the same place, able to talk to all their friends, but they were also free to roam the factory.

The 1993 Prom theme was "There Will Never Be Another Tonight," accompanied by "Running to Stand Still." Mark Gannon and Tsion Michael were crowned King and Queen in style.

Some couples went for it all with sophisticated dinners, while others preferred to make a gourmet meal for their date at home. No matter what way people decided to spend their evening, they were assured a wonderful time. Everyone made the 1993 Prom a success.

Above: DURING THE PROM festivities, Mandy Riedel takes a break to talk with her cheerleading coach, Saralyn Bowling. The Varsity Cheerleaders always get together for a group shot at Prom to remember some of the great times they shared.

Left: THE GLORIOUS MOMENT had finally come. After a week of anxiousness, all the juniors and seniors finally came to an agreement about deciding who should hold the honored positions. Mark Gannon and Tsion Michael were finally crowned Prom King and Queen.

Below: PEEKING OUT from beneath his covers, Senior Tim Tierney looks at the strange person in his room taking his picture.

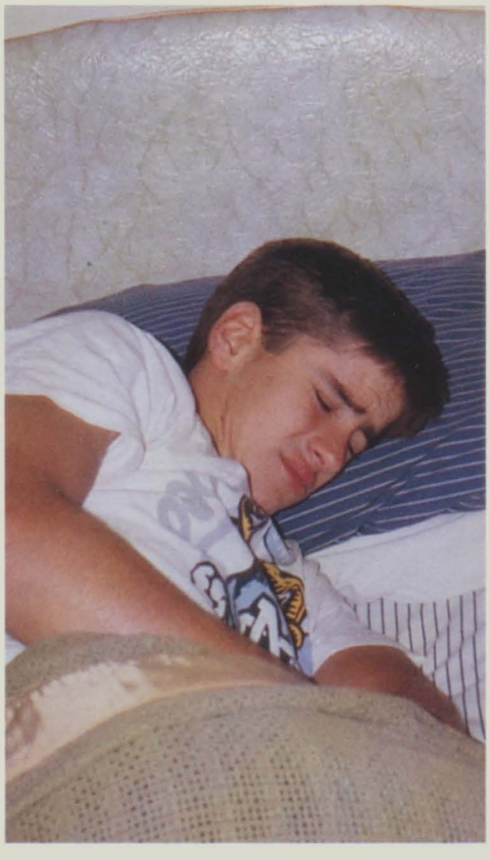
Right: STARTING THE DAY with a big, healthy breakfast, Senior Paul Dampier takes time out from eating to smile for the camera.

Wake Up! Rise and Shine!

You Begin Your Day Here!

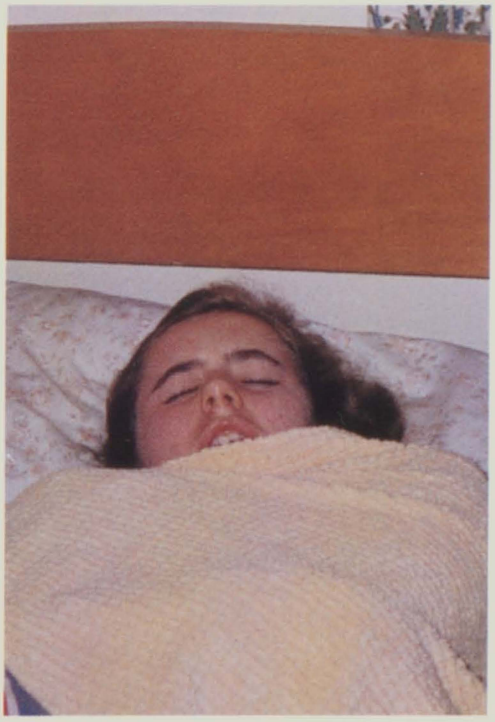
Everyday, we woke up to either the buzzer on our alarm or the voice of our parents telling us we were late. But in the middle of October '93, Yearbook photographers woke up a handfull of people, with cameras! With the parents' permission, they snuck into the bedrooms of some unsuspecting George Mason students, flipped on the lights, and snapped some photos!

Usually they were greeted by a very confused, disoriented person who wondered what the photographers were doing in their bedroom. One photographer was greeted by a Super Soaker, and another was greeted by flying stuffed animals. But whether you were the photographer or the person being woken up, everyone had a great time!



Above: "WHAT ARE YOU DOING in my bedroom?" asks Sophomore Darren Robertson. After hearing his name being called, Darren woke up to the flash of the camera!

Below: BEFORE TAKING HER MORNING TEA, Sophomore Riara Wilson stares out from half-closed eyes and asks, "What are you doing here?"



Above: "WHAT IN TARNATION?" was Sophomore Heidi Harrington's question to her stuffed animals, when first being awoken early in the morning.

Left: JUMPING 3 FEET INTO THE AIR, Senior Jason Cushman makes a funny face. After figuring out who it finally was, Jason rolled over and went back to sleep.

Right: THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EDUCATION! Junior Jeremy Lucas, and Sophomores Aaron Poff and Andy Lakes take time to use wooden blocks as metaphors for their new learning experiences.

Below: A SLEEPY FRESHMAN finds the First Week of School extremely difficult and tiring. Freshman Christina Pagano tries to wake up for the long day ahead.

Above: DISCUSSING THIS YEAR'S schedule and future college plans, Senior Lauren Kramer-Dover confers with her Guidance Counselor Marilyn Anderson.

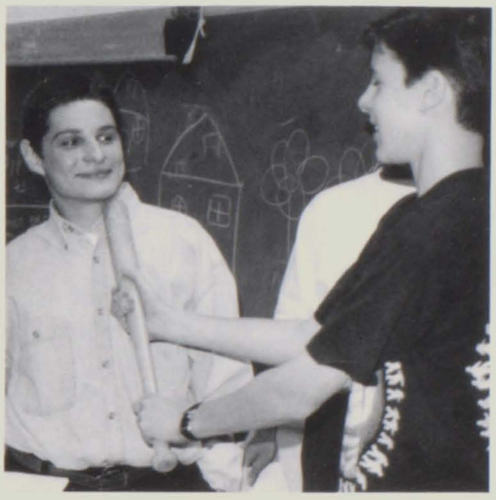
Right: HELPING OUT, Junior Matt Degnan hands a Spanish workbook to Freshman Leslie Allen, who had a strenuous class with Mr. Nichols.

First Week of School

Let's Get Started!

With many new and old faces, the school year began. The building was coming down, but the spirits of the students were going up with each friendly face and the excitement of making new friends.

The renovation was a symbol of a new beginning and the formation of the future. It represented George Mason students because no matter how unpolished or unorganized it looked, it was sure to be a success. Despite some unexpected inconveniences of the renovation, the first week of school was a big success!

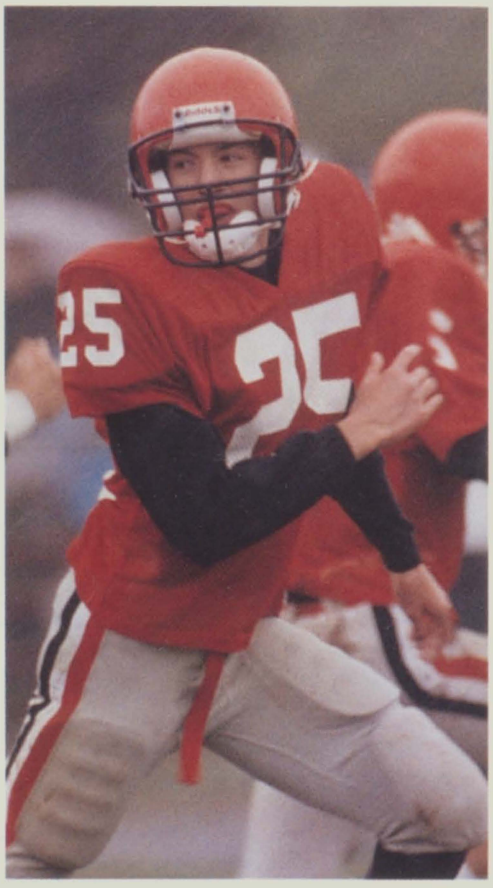


Above: THREATENING TO BEAT UP anyone who speaks Spanish to him, Junior Adam Tarr points the bat at Junior Eugene Simopolous. After a summer of just plain English, some students found it hard to jump back into the foreign language scene.

Left: BUSY, BUSY, BUSY! Freshmen Libby Yates, Leslie Day and Jessica Lehman make quick corrections on their first history papers for Mrs. Hawkesworth's World Civilizations class.

Below: SITTING ON A MOUNTAIN of pumpkins are the Senior Representatives for Homecoming Court '93. The girls were Julia Love, Moji Ojumu, Adrienne Sedei, Stacey Mize & Britt Sheinbaum, while the guys were Chad Jackson, Chris Dietz, Seth Kingsley, John Schutte & Chris Yates.

Right: RUNNING DOWN THE FIELD, Sophomore Bryan Kestell looks for an opening and tries to get away from the Brentsville Defense. Although the Mustangs lost their game, the football team was at their finest.



You Don't Know What Your Missing From The Outside

Homecoming 1993, was a huge success. Spirit Week was a blast, and the Girl's Varsity Basketball team ruled the courts. The cafeteria was hardly recognizable under the colored lights and glitter. The dance theme, "In Your Eyes," by Peter Gabriel, was played while the King and Queen and other members of the Court swayed to the dreamy music. Although the football team lost, Homecoming was still a terrific event for everyone.

Above: TAKING A QUICK NAP, Sophomores Kathryn Speir, Carolina Espinal, and Heidi Harrington sleep under the shade of a tree before their next class. Pajama Day was the Tuesday of Spirit Week.

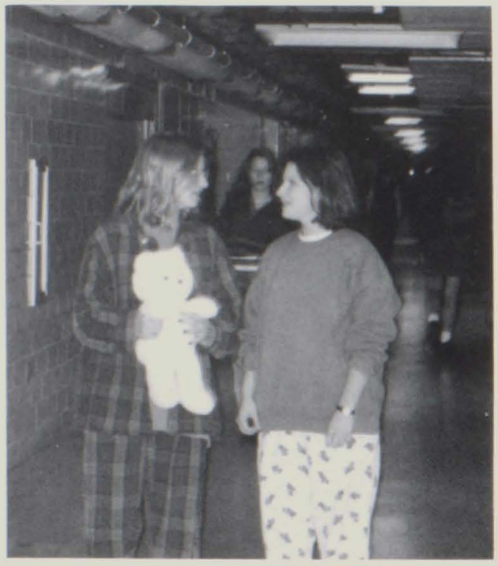
Below: SHARING A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY together, King Chris Yates and Queen Moji Ojumu take time out from the excitement to smile for the camera.

Above: ATTACKING EACH OTHER, the football team members are ecstatic with the early touchdown run in by Sophomore Darren Robertson.

Left: ATTEMPTING TO STAY DRY from the rain, Sophomore Carolina Espinal keeps smiling during the football game. The day of Homecoming was a cold, and rainy affair, but it didn't drag anyone's spirit's down.

Right: ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTING their girls, the Mason guys cheer for the Seniors to win the Powder Puff football game. All their cheering paid off, seeing as the seniors were victorious.

Below: SHOWING SPIRIT is an important part of George Mason life. Seniors Meg Wiant and Kristin McDonald participate in pajama day to support their class in the Spirit Week competition.



Above: DECORATING THE HALLS for Spirit Week is a big tradition. Seniors Amie Camden and Stacey Mize get organized and work on perfecting the Senior Hall decorations.

Right: SENIOR HOMECOMING COURT REPRESENTATIVE Chad Jackson grins wide as his name and future plans are announced during halftime.

Spirit Week

Seniors Reign!

Red, white, and black. Those were the colors that filled the halls during Spirit Week this year. Hall Decoration Day was a major success, and the Seniors took an early lead in the Spirit Competition with the best hall. But Spirit Week wasn't just hall decorating, it also included other fun-filled Spirit Week activities. Everyday of the week had its own individual theme. Monday was Freshman Day, also known as Red Hair day, where students and faculty dyed or decorated their hair red. Tuesday was Sophomore Day, or Clash Day, in which students wore polka-dots with stripes or colors that clashed. Wednesday was Junior Day, otherwise known as Pajama Day. Thursday was Senior Day, or also Halloween Costume Day. And Friday was Spirit Day, which is also Red and White or Jersey Day. All in all Spirit Week was once again fantastically fun.

Above: TAPE IS A HARD THING to handle! Senior Lars Howlett aids his class in decorating the hall by being the official tape master.

Left: RUNNING TOWARDS the end zone, Junior Julie Roa attempts to score a touchdown for the Juniors, but all in vain, because the Seniors won with 7 points.

Below: FOOLING AROUND, Senior Seth Kingsley pounces on his buddy, Senior Jason Cushman by surprise. Jason tries to fight him off, but is met with no success.

Right: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE for family frustration. Close sisters Junior Bethany and Freshman Leslie Day relieve some of their stress before going to their next class.

Friendship and Siblings

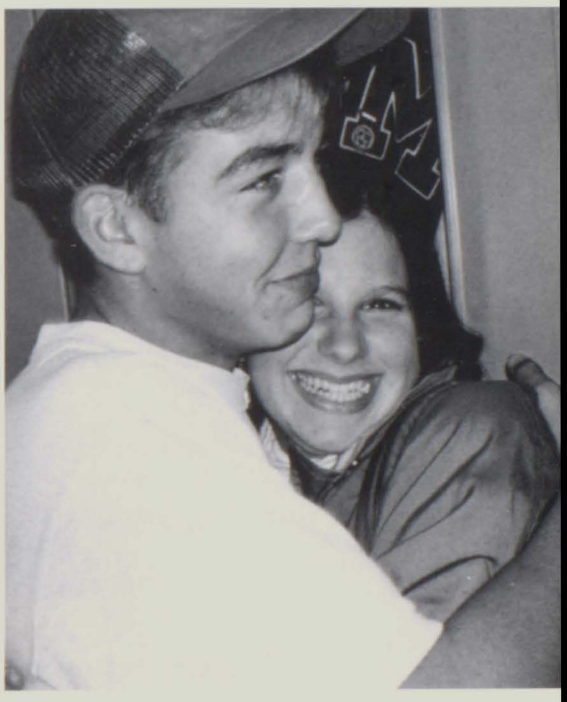
All In The Family

There was a special bond at George Mason that no other school has. Whenever there was a tragedy, we supported one another. And whenever there was triumph, we celebrated together because George Mason was a community. We were a family of friends. We were a close knit circle banded by tradition and that was something everyone could cherish.

Friendship was what pulled all the separate pieces of the community together, especially siblings. Because George Mason was so small, there were a lot of brothers and sisters. Bonded by blood, they all managed to get along, while their friendships kept them strong.

Above: GIVING HIS SISTER A TIGHT SQUEEZE: Senior Nikola Strbac shows his affection. Milica and Nikola are twins from Yugoslavia, who are always found together during school.

Below: BACKED UP AGAINST THE WALL, Junior Cassandra Pagano is cornered by her sister, Freshman Christina Pagano. These sisters are always hugging or playing jokes on one another.



Above: IN A FRIENDLY, FUN LOVING EMBRACE, Senior Kristin McDonald and Junior Matt Degnan take time to enjoy each other's company.

Left: GREAT SENIOR PALS, Lene Nordvik and Mariel Goyonaga, share a moment together before going to lunch. These two can always be found laughing about something or just having fun.

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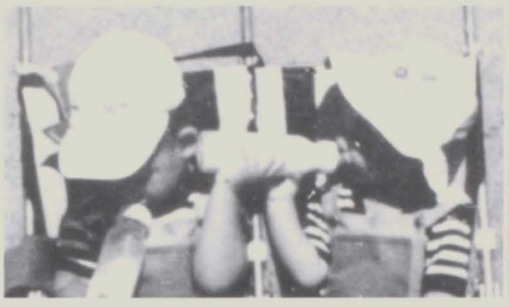

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Sara Brock
Amie Camden
Tomas Cincotta
Christopher Dietz
Michelle Dillman
Diana Dinerman
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Carlo Ferrarini
Toni Fitzgerald
Oscar Fuentes
Mariel Goyonaga
Kiernan Graves
Joel Hardi

Mercedes Heil
Cynthia Hunt
Chad Jackson
Simone Krembs
Themba Lewis
Julia Love
Trina Mangroo
Nathan Martin
Kristin McDonald
Stacey Mize
Michael Mohajeri
Dinah Moore
Lene Marie Nordvik
Mojisola Ojumu
Maria Paljarvi
Jenny Parra

Brent Parrish
Chris Parrish
Jane Perez
Samantha Petrich
John Schutte
Adrienne Sedei
Britt Sheinbaum
Brian Smith
Noah Smith-Heller
Victoria Spevacek
Robert Sprague
Milica Strbac
Nikola Strbac
Alberto Suarez
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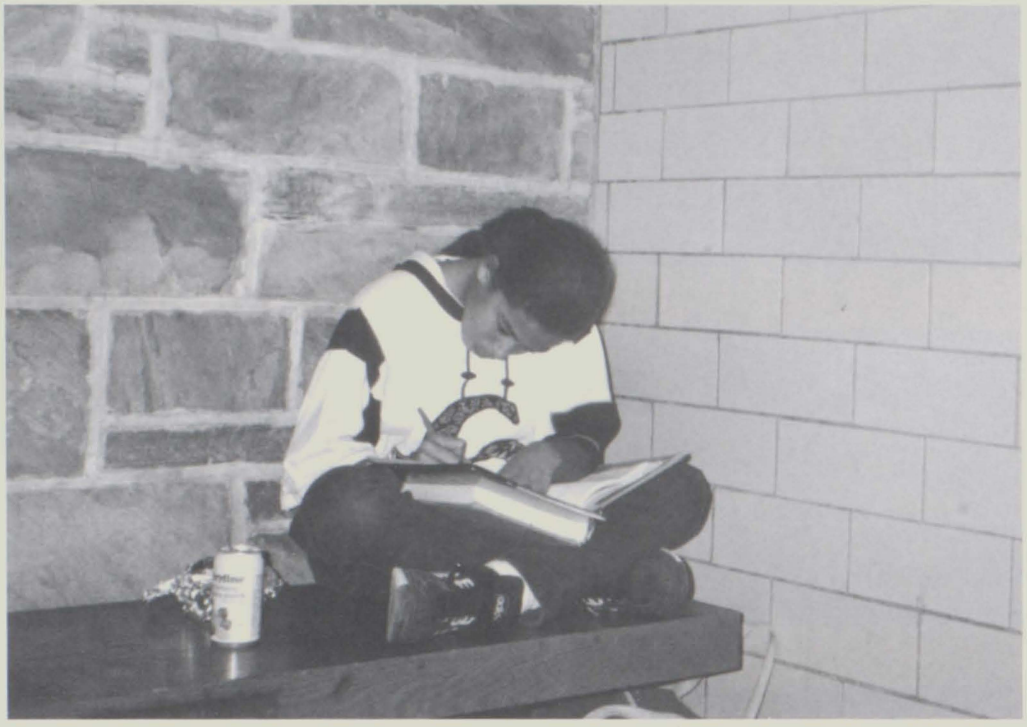
Andrew Turner

Brooke Wheaton
Margaretha Wiant
Andy Zheng
Karen Zheng

Below: STUDYING HARD after school, Sophomore Michelle Wilson concentrates on her homework.



Right: SENIOR SARA BROCK gives important instructions to the members of the Model United Nations Club.

Where Do You Go?

"Beep!" As soon as that sound was heard, students filed out into the halls from their classes. For some, after school was the time to rush to lockers, get books, then run to catch the bus. For others, it was time to meet friends, hang out, and joke around. Still others went to 8th period classes. There, they organized activities and events sponsored by that certain club. Some people even stayed after to finish homework, probably to lighten their loaded backpacks. Basically, after school was a time to do what we wanted, relax and enjoy life, to get away from just hitting the books.

Above: PREPARING TO DASH HOME, Senior Todd Horacek grins as he packs his backpack.

Below: "WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING at, Annie?" -Yearbook Club

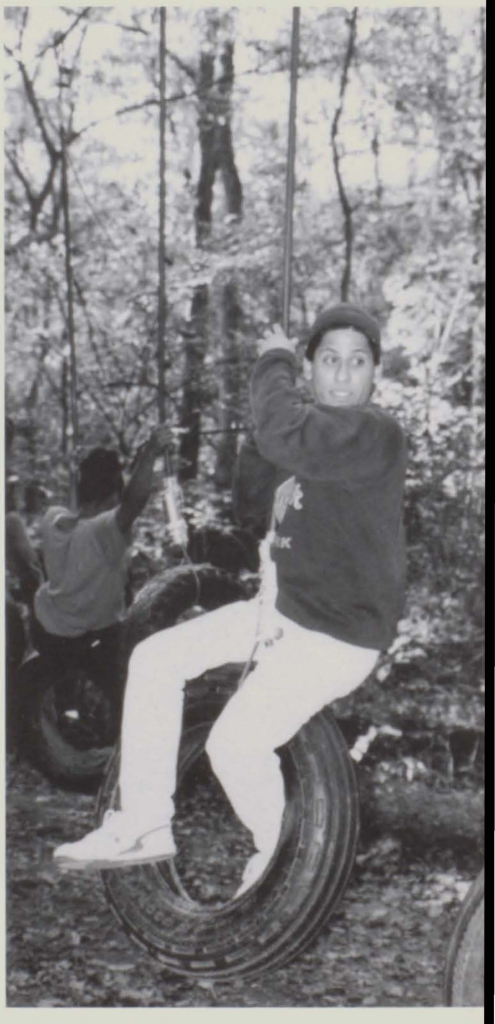
Above: "SMILE at the Camera, Niva!"

Left: "LAURA, is this your treatment for hypergelliphobia (Fear of Pillows)?"

Right: WHILE POSING FOR A GROUP PICTURE, several students have discovered more interesting things to focus their attention upon!

Below: WAIT! There is a 10-ton weight limit on this chair!!

Above: THREE STUDENT LEADERS, Senior Chris Yates, and Juniors Wilson Rickerson and Allison Spector, pause to examine a Polaroid photo.



Right: LOOK, IT'S TARZAN! No, not really, it's just Al Suarez manuevering through the obstacle course.

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

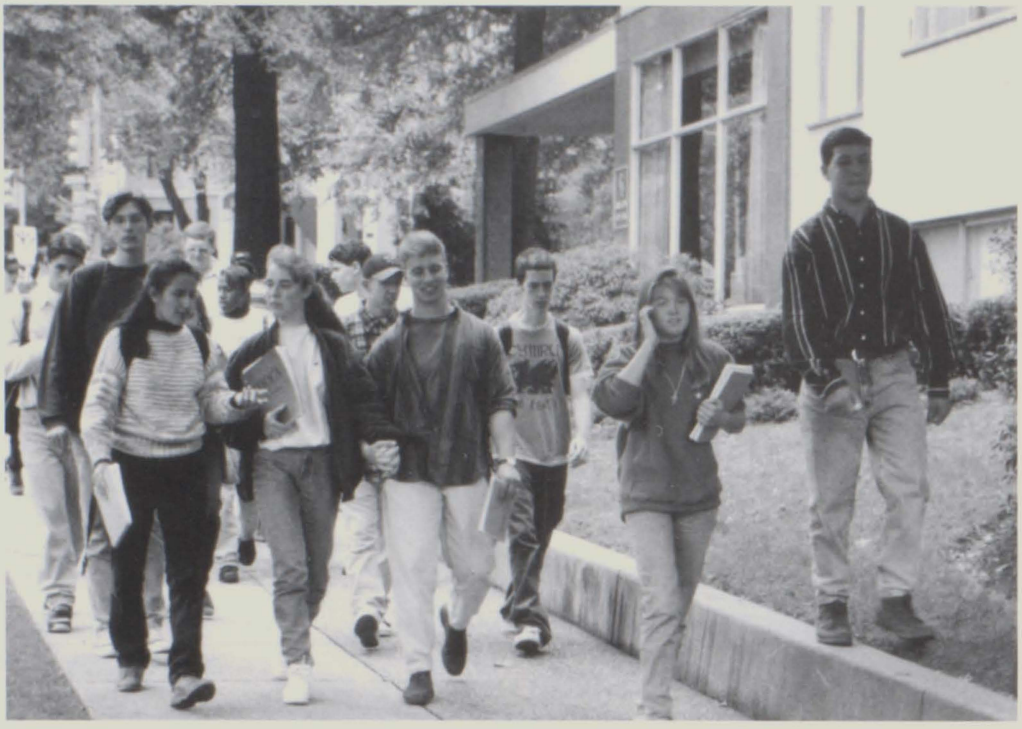
DID YOU MISS IT?

In the rurals of Middleburg, VA, students congregated at Camp High Roads to have a terrific time. From playing volleyball to riding the zip wire, students learned to come together and complete the tasks set before them. And they still had the time and energy to plan the awesome activities for the rest of the school year.

Above: TRYING TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, Mrs. Reske lurks in the background searching for photo opportunities.

Left: UP-AND-COMING IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY are these new harnessed pants, modeled by Juniors Joey Conaty and Sam Mejias, Senior Chris Yates, and Sophomore Franklin Day.

Below: LISTENING IN on Mariel and Britt's conversation, Lisa? Nah, you wouldn't dare.



Right: OPEN UP and say "AHHHHHH," Bethany!

FIELD TRIPS

Ohh! Yes! Once again we got on that big, yellow bus to travel to some place exotic, interesting, and yet, smelly. What we lived for: FIELD TRIPS. The only reason we took that Anthropology or Biology class was to take a three-hour tour of some place that really had no relevance to our curriculum.

Of course, the parts of the trip we looked forward to most were the free time, the lunch breaks, bathroom stops, and the ride home. The ride home was always LONG and tedious. Fond memories include: sitting on the bus, walkman held in the hand, a friend asleep (probably DROOLING) on your shoulder, and people who were yelling around you. And you mustn't forget the person behind you, the one who always kicked your seat, and talked in your ear.

Finally, when we got home, and our feet on solid ground, we felt a great feeling of accomplishment! Until, of course, we remembered one thing to do before school the next day: homework. We weren't getting sleep that night!

Above: Anne's ARTISTIC TALENT comes through, even when she is sleeping.

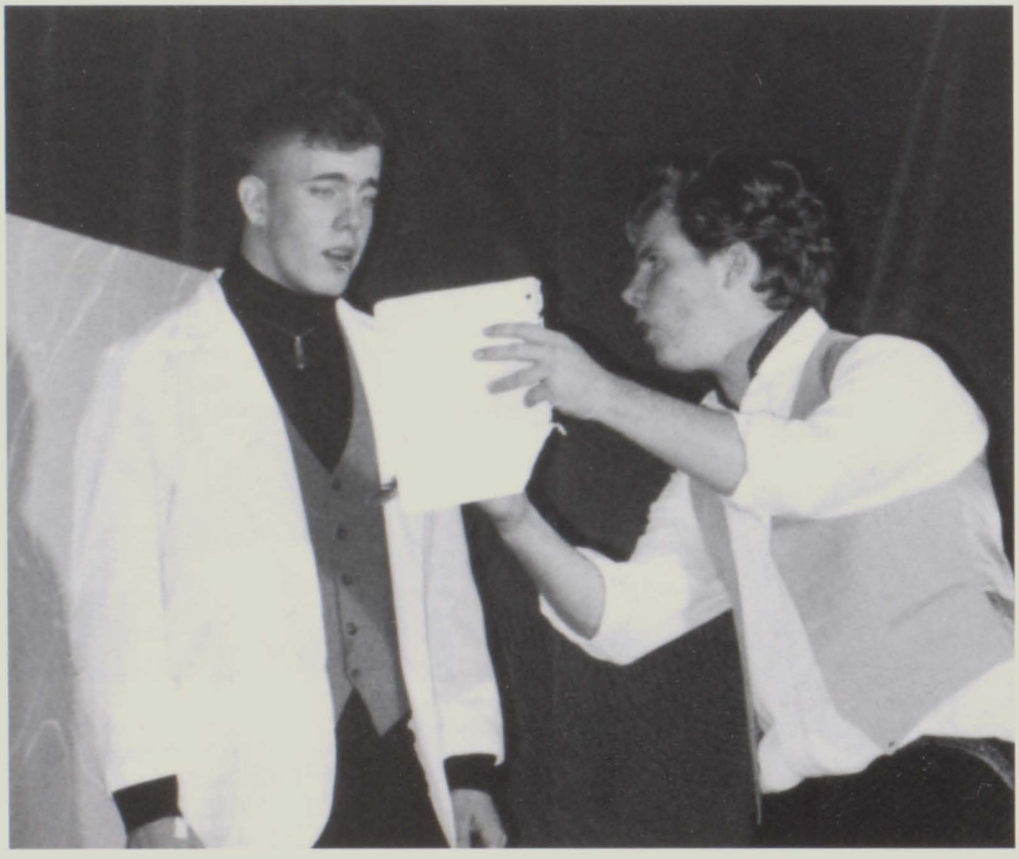
Below: AWWW! Juniors Meghan Tierney and Brian Geoffrion take a romantic stroll down the streets of Williamsburg.

Above: ON THE BUS, after the VHSL conference at Virginia Commonwealth University, Junior Marlin Kann reads the messages left by the critiques.

Left: SENIORS VICKI SPEVACEK AND JASON CUSHMAN have a "face off" at the National Zoo.

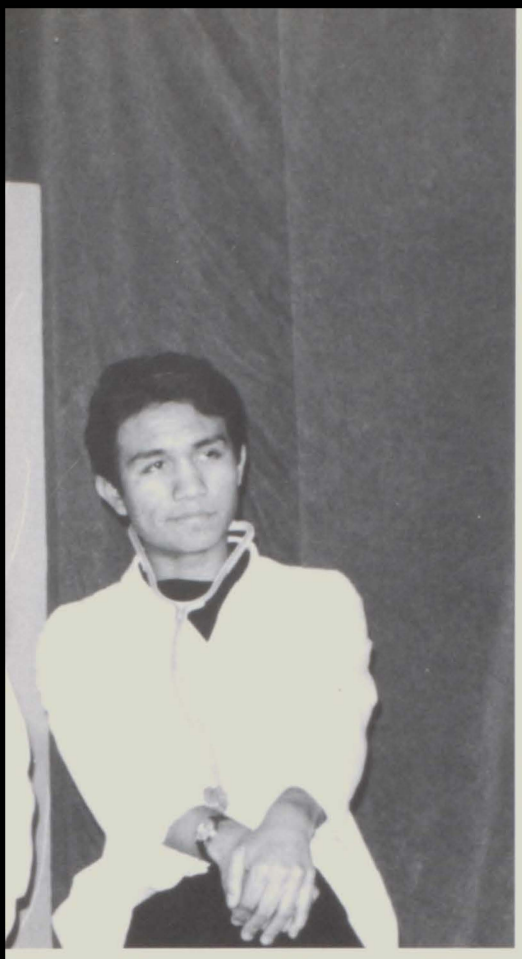
Right: DON'T BE RUDE, Sunrise, Anne wants to tell you something--you too, Laura.

Below: HOLD STILL, Peter, or Brooke will poke your eye out!



Above: NO CUE CARDS, Bill and Eddie!

Right: WHERE IS THAT KNIGHT in shining armor when I need him?!



The Fall Play

A play and: no lights, no stage, no auditorium.
Sound impossible?

"Triple Take" took on the impossible with a script, a cafeteria, and a little support. The stage setup and breakdown every day, and the "lights either on or off" situation added to the list of troubles. Yet the drama crew really came together the last two weeks and brought the fall play to life, despite reconstruction.

The atmosphere was solely created by the acting. New faces and new lead roles on the drama scene formed the foundation as Roseanna Ditomasso, Laura Chaves, Sunrise Tippeconnic, Peter Worrall, Meg Wiant, Bill Solley, and Eddie Anderson took center stage. Even international talent played an intricate part with Tom Thurston as the enchanted Oratio.

As actors bounded on and off the wavering stage and through the crowd, the audience grinned ear to ear throughout "The Love Doctor" and "The Lady Who Was Believed Dead." Then left that night with heavy hearts due to the soul-wrenching speech of Somersault, Jeff Friedman, in "The Land of Counterpane," as the hero, Christian Blood, breaks away from his childhood.

Above: EVER PATIENT Jeff Crossley watches as the cast rehearses, again.

Left: Wet 'n Wild lipstick just doesn't cut it!

Below: DOING HIS BEST IMITATION of Eric Clapton, Junior Eric Walton plays the guitar to accompany a fellow student.

Right: ONE OF THE FEW SKITS presented in the JV Show, was the "Doctor" skit, acted out by Juniors Anne Benigsen and Sharon Eldridge.

JV SHOW '93

This year's JV Show was marked by both change and tradition. Like shows of the past, this one consisted mainly of alternative-type bands, such as Little Engine Boy, Snafu, Late Night Rage, and Ant Farm. There also was singing and dancing of all kinds. Plus "different" and "original" skits like "Hunchback," "Soap, Soap, Soap," and the two songs sung by our Muppet friends Fozzie and Kermit.

The aspect of this year's JV Show which made it very different from those of the past was its setting. Once again, the cafeteria had to be rigged with lighting and sound equipment and filled with as many chairs as could fit. However, the cast and crew did a notable job in getting past that small obstacle. This smaller scale auditorium did not take away from the overall effect of the JV Show...too much.

All in all, it was a very impressive show, and its directors, Mr. Nola and Eugene Simopolos, and participants deserved much congratulation.

Above: PREPARING FOR HER GEORGE MASON DEBUT, Ms. Nolan runs over the music for "Vincent", an act which unfortunately was not used because of the time limit of the show.

Below: SINGING IN PERFECT HARMONY is second nature to Senior Lauren Kramer-Dover.

Above: A BARBERSHOP QUARTET? I don't think so.

Left: IMPRESSING THE CROWD with his unusual style of guitar-playing. (Senior Mike Wells)

Participation in Sports at George Mason, created an array of unity among the students, coaches and faculty. After joining a Sports team, one instantly made new friends. These friends and teams encouraged one another throughout the season. And all helped show the qualities of cooperation, teamwork, and team spirit. On the fields and courts of George Mason, WE COMPETED HERE!

Right: PLAYING HARD up at the net, Eugenia Leachman works hard to win the match, while giving her opponent a tough time.

SCOREBOARD

	GM	Opp.
Chancelor	8	1
Central	9	0
Stonewall	9	0
Clarke Co.	5	4
Central	9	0
Stonewall	9	0
Clarke Co.	5	4
Flint Hill	5	2
O'Connell	6	2
Flint Hill	6	3

TOURNAMENTS

Regionals:

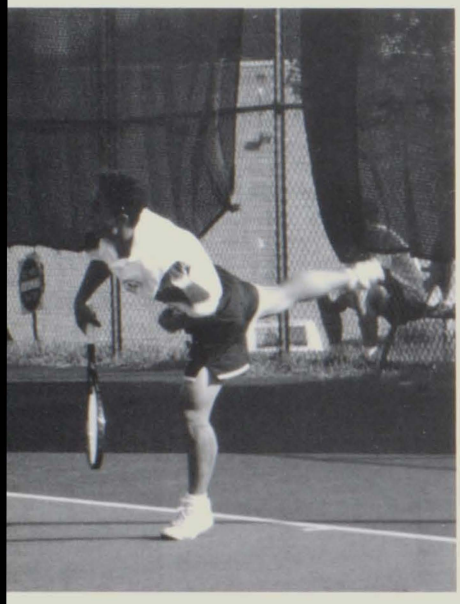
Powhatan	8	1
Clarke Co.	8	1

States:

Powell Valley	7	2
Glenbar	3	6

Overall 13 wins
1 loss

Right: SERVING TO HIS OPPONENT, Peter Oh slams the ball into the other court.



Above: BOYS TENNIS TEAM
Front Row (L-R): Chris Lutz, Gavin Hecker, Peter Oh, Eric Ignacio, Todd Horacek, Nate Martin. Middle Row (L-R): Adam Tarr, Chris Yates, Allan Schneider, Franklin Day, Joffrey Infante, Al Suarez. Back Row (L-R): Coach Al Krueger, Eddie Anderson, Toan Do, Andrew Blount, Carlos Hernandez, James Wallace, Manager Mariel Goyonaga.

Boys and Girls Teams Achieve Success

TENNIS

SCOREBOARD

	W	L
District:	6	0
Overall:	10	1

Bull Run District Champions
2nd Place Region B
(Individual Game Scores Not Available)

The 1993 Girls' Tennis team was one with many familiar faces. Although the team basically consisted of the same members, the line-up transformed. Senior Eugenia Leechman earned her rank as first seed, an emotionally challenging position, and one that is capable of qualifying for a position in the State Championship Tournament. A new powerhouse to the team was Freshman Erin Avots. She and Eugenia teamed up to play an unbeatable doubles with an overall record of 10-0.

The Girls' Tennis team achieved yet another Bull Run District title for a 1993 tournament record of 6-0. After a challenging season, the girls concluded with an overall record of 10-1, putting forth tremendous efforts and practice time.

The Boys Tennis Team once again proved their worth as members of the George Mason Athletic Department. Coached by Mr. Alan Krueger, the tennis team was undefeated in the District. Their overall record, including tournaments, was 13 wins and 1 loss. They continued their success by winning Region B Championships. And they completed their season by placing 2nd at the StateChampionships.

The Boys Tennis Team lost 5 Seniors, including Peter Oh, their only undefeated player. The Tennis Team will continue to be a huge success in the years to come.

Above: VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS
Front Row (L-R): Stacey Mize, Riara Wilson, Samantha Petrich, Erin avots, Grace Chae. Back Row (L-R): **Coach Jim** Spirodopoulos, Paula Sagero, Vicki Spevacek, Katherine Temple, Eugenia Leachman, Janna Lukomski.

We'll keep on trying!

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 1993

Under new head coach Mack Orebaugh, the 1993 Mustang baseball team had a rewarding season. Although the majority of the team was young, with only seven returning players, the team was very competitive at every position. At the beginning of the season, the team got off to a slow start, however, as the season progressed, the bats came alive, which resulted in several much needed victories. Major highlights of the season included a regular season victory over two strong teams. The 1994 season should be one to look forward to.

The Girls Varsity Softball team started their season with a roster full of new found talent. While the returning players polished their skills, the rookies watched and learned. Coach Wilson said at the beginning of the season, "We've got the athletes, now we just have to turn them into softball players."

Due to lack of experience, the George Mason team struggled through the season giving their best effort. From mud fights to practices in the rain to working as a team on the field, the Girls Softball team had a productive and fun-filled season!

BASEBALL

	W	L
RECORDS		
Distrcit:	4	5
Overall:	6	10

TOURNAMENT District:	Us	Them
Stonewall	6	0
Central	4	6

ALL DISTRICT SELECTION
Tim Tierney 3rd Team, Utility Player

SOFTBALL

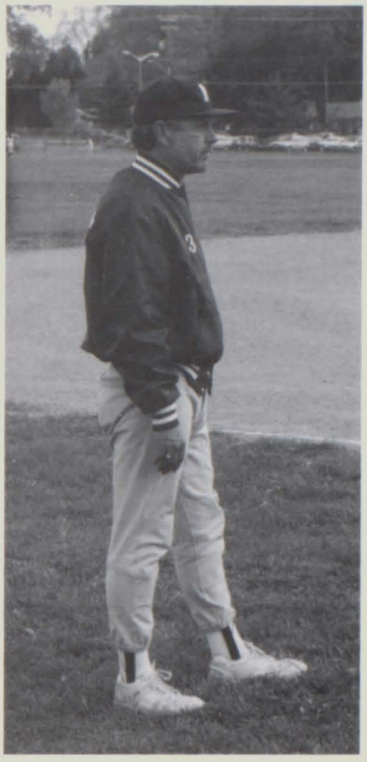
	W	L
RECORDS		
District:	1	11
Overall:	3	12

ALL DISTRICT SELECTION
Michelle Yoder 3rd Team, Utility Player

Above: VARSITY BASEBALL
Front Row (L-R): Nathaniel Chambers, Todd Austin, Trent Templer, Tim Tierney, Darren Robertson. Second Row (L-R): Rob Sprague, Shon Atabaki, Michael Greene, Chris McCall, Bryan Kestell. Back Row (L-R): Coach Mac Orebaugh, Mark Gannon, Paul Dampier, Troy Austin, Lance Guckenberger, Jesse Burgess, Coach Travis Lincoln.

Above: STARTING CATCHER of the Lady Mustangs, Kristin Reich gets an out at home plate.

Left: PITCHER Shon Atabaki throws a strike as he leads his teammates to one of their six victories.



Left: COACH Mack Orebaugh looks on as his baseball team approaches a victory.

Above: SITTING PRETTY, is Meghan Tierney of the Softball Team.

Above: SOFTBALL
Front Row (L-R): Isabel Meng, Michele Wilson, Carolina Espinal, Julia Roa, Heidi Harrington. Middle Row (L-R): Emperatriz Henriquez, Mary Jeanne Cincotta, Michelle Yoder, Katie Speir, Melinda Yeary. Back Row (L-R): Coach Beth Ann Wilson, Jessie Domm, Karen Jacomet, Tessa Maish, Annemarie Wilson, Kristin Reich, Meghan Tierney, Margaret Bryant.

Right: Sophomore Mary Whichard and Senior Eric Eisemon walk the course before their races.

Below: Head Coach Harry Shovlin speaks to the track team before heading off to a meet.

Below: David Douglass picks up speed as he finishes the 3200 meter race.

Above: TRACK
First Row (L-R): Mandy Lucas, Erica Knight, Manager, Natasha Haley, Nancy McElwain. Second Row (L-R): Lisa Kallio, Cathi Obenstine, Danielle Hoetmer, Natasha Zelensky, Karen Kannapel, Cassandra Pagano, Katia Fredriksen, Mary Whichard. Third Row (L-R): Aaron Poff, Justin Snider, Mitchell Shin, David Chaves, Oscar Fuentes, Nicole Pelon, Cathy Bautista. Fourth Row (L-R): David Robles, Eric Walton, Andy Hartman, Brian Flaherty, Larry Bolanos, Kela Anderson, Margaret Wood, Robbie Sensibaugh. Fifth Row (L-R): Coach Tony Green, Deniz Callahan, Jeremy Lucas, Joey Conaty, Paul Whichard, Alex Mejias, Broderick Brady, David Douglass, Coach Harry Shovlin.

Track and Cross Country

AT THE FINISH LINE

TRACK

REGIONAL MEET COMPETITORS:
Jeff Anderson
Catherine Bautista
Broderick Brady
Deniz Callahan
David Douglass
Cassandra Pagano

STATE MEET COMPETITORS:
Deniz Callahan
State Champion
-300 Meter Hurdles
David Douglass
Seventh Place
-The Mile
Cassandra Pagano
Sixth Place
-300 Meter Hurdles

CROSS COUNTRY

REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITOR:
Katia Fredriksen

With the Cross Country Team led by strong captains, Katia Fredriksen and Chris Yates, the team had a lot of support. This year the team had one of the largest turnouts in several years, including a large girls team headed by veteran Katia Fredriksen.

The Boys Team did an outstanding job considering it is a young team. They finished 5-7 in the District and 5-9 overall. Joey Conaty placed 21st in the District.

The Girls Team also had an outstanding season, with a District record of 6-6 and an Overall record of 6-8. Katia Fredriksen placed 11th in the District meet, 9th in Regionals, and 24th in States.

With such a young team, we expect several great seasons in the future years.

Last year's Track team was a strong District contender. The was team led by David Douglass and Deniz Callahan. With over 6 performers at Regionals, which was held at Manassas Park, 3 of whom went on to States, which was held at Virginia Military Institute. Deniz Callahan took First Place in the 300 meter hurdles. David Douglass took Seventh Place in the mile. And Cassandra Pagano took an outstanding Sixth Place in the 300 meter hurdles. Overall, the team lost 4 Seniors, but will come back with an even stronger team next year.

Above: CROSS COUNTRY
Front Row (L-R): Mandy Lucas, Bret Hutchinson, Adam Tarr, Riara Wilson, Katia Fredriksen, Erin Avots, Cathi Obenstine, Mary Whichard. Back Row (L-R): Coach Clark Lindgren, Al Suarez, David Wells, Joffrey Infante, Noah Kramer-Dover, Eric Eisemon, Lars Howlett, Eddie Anderson, Joe Conaty, Kseija Glescic.

Girls' Basketball

Second in District

The George Mason Lady Mustangs finished off an outstanding season by making it to the Regional semifinals. Their overall record of 16 wins and 3 losses showed just how hard they worked as a team.

The Lady Mustangs were led by Seniors Vicki Spevacek and Emily Thomas. Both Spevacek and Thomas worked hard and showed the younger players what it would take to win.

The Mustangs starting lineup was superb all season long, and it showed when the Bull Run All-District teams were made. Spevacek received first team honors, Junior Kristin Reich received second team honors, Sophomore Sarah Jackson placed on the third team, while Emily Thomas and Sophomore Jenny Williams were awarded honorable mentions.

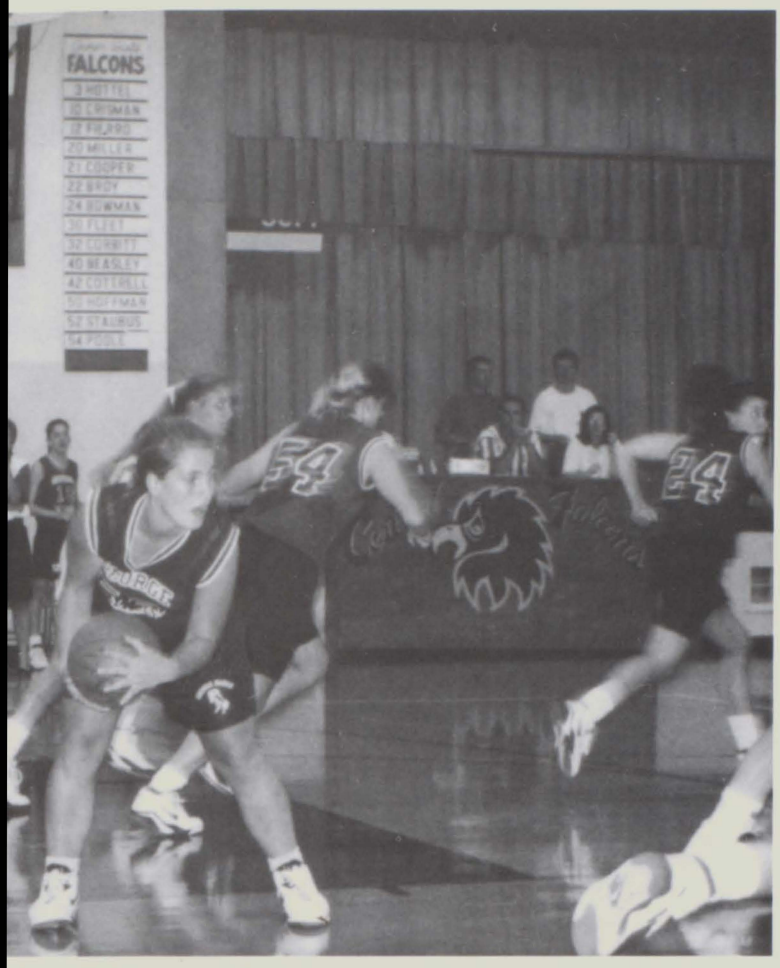
Girls' Varsity Basketball

GM	Opponent
62	45 Brentsville
43	34 Clarke Co.
60	48 Central
60	31 Manassas Park
58	61 Osbourn (AA)
61	43 Page Co.
53	19 Rappahannock
44	42 Strasburg
48	57 Osbourn (AA)
54	56 Stonewall Jackson
61	31 Brentsville
43	28 Central
62	36 Page Co.
41	24 Manassas Park
71	50 Culpeper (AA)
57	42 Strasburg
66	29 Rappahannock
81	75 Culpeper (AA)
	(Unavailable)
51	37 Clarke Co.

Season Record: 16 wins 3 losses

Above: VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Front row (L-R): Katie Kuhn, Julia Love, Kate Jackson. Second row (L-R): Cassandra Pagano, Kyra Lukomski, Margaret Kuhn, Kristin Reich, Emily Thomas. Third row (L-R): Coach Michael Malone, Meghan Dougherty, Holly Benner, Margaret Wood, Sarah Jackson, Vicki Spevacek, Jennifer Williams, Head Coach Lori McConnell.

Above: Junior Kristin Reich shoots for two in a non-district game against Osbourn Park.



Left: DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENCE in her offensive skills, Junior Kristin Reich takes control of the ball.

Left: SENIOR VICKI SPEVACEK boxes out after the shot.

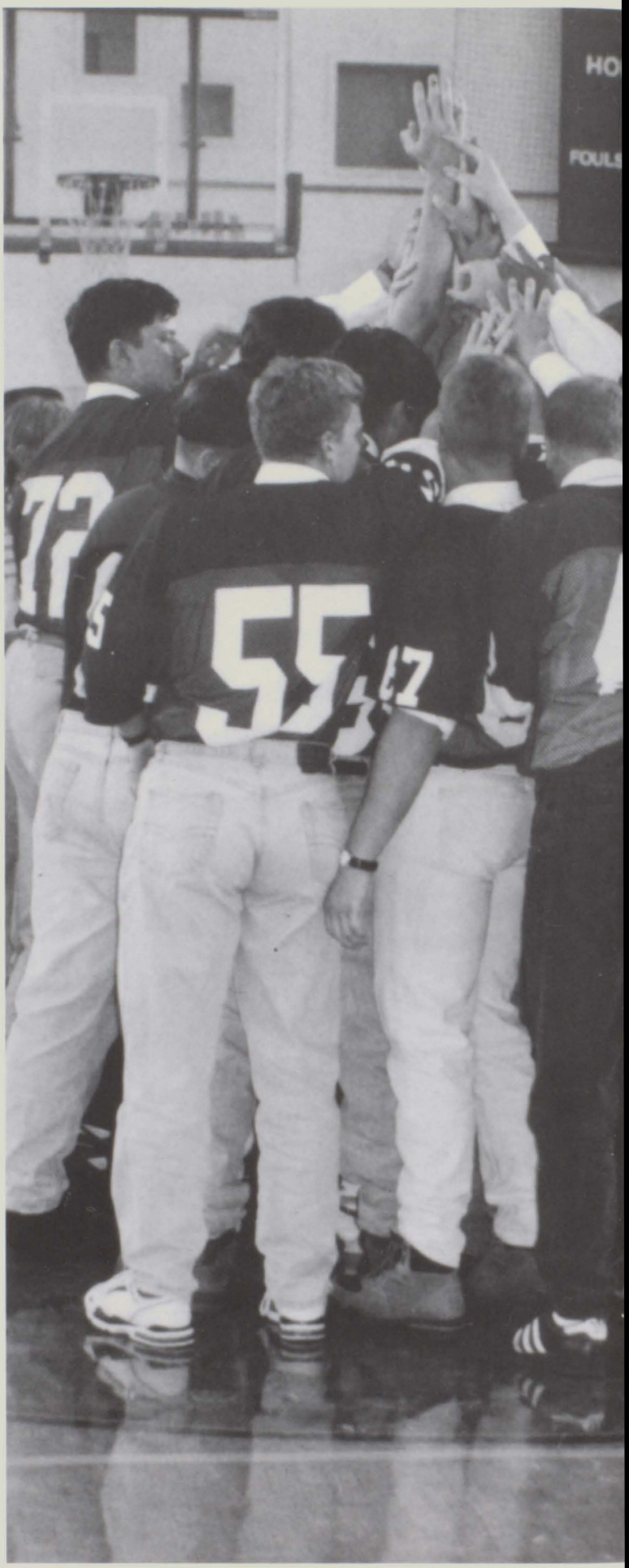
Below: MUSTANG PLAYERS eagerly look on as a display of their enthusiastic team spirit, which was shown throughout the season.

Below: SOPHOMORE MIKE GREENE prepares to pass during a home game early in the season.

Below: FIRST TEAM ALL DISTRICT defensive lineman John Schutte shows he knows how to shed his blocker during a home game.

Above: SENIOR LINEMAN JOHN SCHUTTE blocks a Paul IV lineman as quarterback Mike Greene hands off to running back Broderick Brady.

Right: THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM showed plenty of team spirit during the 1993 Homecoming Pep Rally.



Varsity Football

Excellent Performances

FOOTBALL SCORES

	GM	Opp.
Bishop Ireton	8	35
Paul IV	14	47
St. James	12	28
Clarke Co.	6	20
Page Co.	14	27
Strasburg	0	20
S. Jackson	12	14
Brentsville	8	20
Manassas	30	25
Central	8	12

Season Record: 1 win
9 losses

The Varsity Football team began the year with high hopes for the Fall season. However, after excellent performances on both sides of the ball during their first two scrimmages, they received a rude awakening in their season opener against Bishop Ireton. With only three returning starters from the 1992 Mustang team, the effects of inexperience soon became painfully evident.

Mason suffered many close losses, yet they never gave up. This was apparent in their thrilling victory over district rival Manassas Park. With only minutes left in the game, Mason was able to force and recover a crucial fumble. Then, with the ball in their possession, they successfully drove down the field to score the winning touchdown. Coach Tony Green showed tremendous optimism at the end of the season, "The future looks bright for us. We have a lot of players coming back next year. We grew tremendously thoughout this year. We are a team of atheletes who never give up. Not many coaches can say that about their team. I am very proud of them."

Above: VARSITY FOOTBALL
Front Row (L-R): Edward Arrozola, Carter Coyer, Oscar Fuentes, Victor Taylor, Todd Austin, Trent Templer, Michael Greene, Peter McElwain. Second Row (L-R): Dennis Picard, Chris McCall, Mitchell Shin, Darren Robertson, Nathaniel Chambers, Brian Geoffrion, Chad Jackson, Brian Kestell, John Schutte, Broderick Brady, Aaron Poff. Third Row (L-R): Head Coach Tony Green, Russell Rosin, Christopher Dietz, Seth Kingsley, Carlo Ferrarrini, Jeremy Knight, Rodrigo Gomez, Jeremy Lucas, George Robinson, Coach Onzy Elam, Coach J.D. Nichols, Coach Mark Fredenburg.

These people get a kick out of playing soccer!

KICKIN' IT!

The rain came pouring down as mud was slung across the field. Visibility was low and the ball moved around uncontrollably. Still, the girls gave it their all and walked away with a win at D.C. With a great defense, the team was able to shut out teams like Washington International, Field School, and Islamic Saudi Academy. The strong defensive unit consisted of Kiernan Graves, Simone Krembs, Julie Roa, Toni Fitzgerald, and the unforgettable goalie, Tessa Maish. With the help of the defense, the offense was able to score against their opponents. Some surprising goals were made by the unexpected players, like Sweeper Julie Roa. Interesting things happened this year, certain games allowed Coach Kalepp to try new line-ups. The girls finished the season with 8 wins 3 losses and 2 ties.

The crowd screamed and cheered as the boys fought aggressively against their opponents for precious points. Although the team lost some important players this season, they fought long and hard for their final record. After Chris Marcey injured his shoulder in the beginning of the year, a talented Freshman, Eric DesChamps surprisingly fulfilled the position as varsity goalie. One of the team's most experienced players, Colman Burk, center fullback, was also temporary taken out of the game. With the help of strong offensive players like Matt O'Connor and Alex Mejias, the boys finished their season strong.

Girls' Scores

	GM	Opp.
Jewish Day	0	2
Wash. Int.	9	1
Flint Hill	1	4
Oakcrest	1	0
Jewish Day	0	0
Edmund Burke	3	1
ISA	2	0
Stoneridge	0	1
Field School	5	0
Georgetown	0	0
Field School	1	0
ISA	3	0

Season Record: 8 wins
3 losses
2 ties

Boys' Scores

Won -- 3
Lost -- 7
Tied -- 2

Above: VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER
Front row(L-R): Grace Chae, Dinah Moore, Tessa Maish, Julie Roa, Glenda Lopez, Adrienne Sedei. Second Row (L-R): Michele Wilson, Simone Krembs, Toni Fitzgerald, Catherine Bautista, Claudia Crowell, Erica Knight. Third Row (L-R): Coach John Kalepp, Kiernan Graves, Tate Pannabecker, Vanessa Barber, Allison Burfield, Sarah Barber, Jenny Karro, Lydia Doleman.

Above: WITH ONLY ONE THING IN MIND, Senior Sarah Barber dribbles around an opponent.

Left: THE GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER team shakes hands with their opponent after a glorious win during Homecoming week.

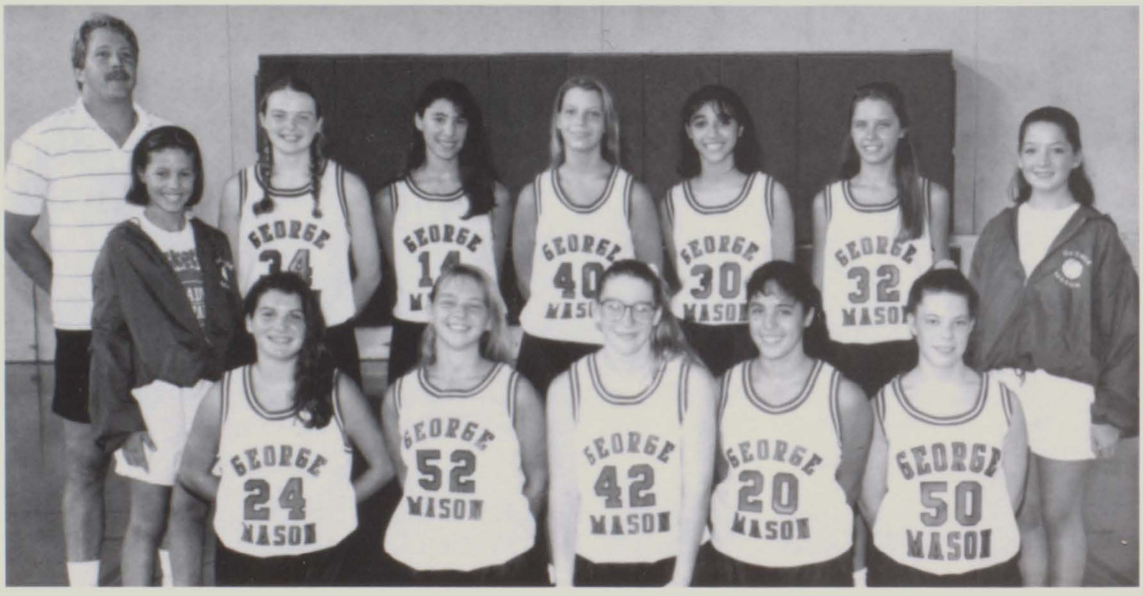
Left: SENIOR SWEEPER Fernando Jordan dribbles past an oncoming defender to score a goal.

Below: Front Row (L-R): Colman Burke, Sam Mejias, Ben Bowyer, Al Suarez, Eric Deschamps, Alex Mejias, Peter Johnson, Kevin Curtin. Second Row (L-R): Fernando Jordan, Jason Hobbie, B.J. Bain, Jason Wippich, Todd Horacek, Matt O'Connor, Matt Degnan, David Chavez, Coach Jimenez.

Right: THE JV GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM listens as their coach Kristie Mehew discusses strategy during halftime.

Below: LOOKING TO PASS, Sophomore Jessie Domm searches for an open teammate who can take a shot.

Below: COACH MALONE gives the team advice prior to a game against Brentsville early in the season.



Above: JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Front Row (L-R): Brittany Templer, Kathryn Speir, Nancy McElwain, Mary Jeanne Cincotta, Rebekah Wolf. Second Row (L-R): Coach Michael Malone, Kate Jackson, Jessie Domm, Angela Cincotta, Beth Sprague, Charissa Bautista, Danielle Hoetmer, Katie Kuhn.

JV Teams

Rising Stars!

JV SCORES

	GM	OPP.
Loudoun	--	--
Brentsville	33	10
Clarke Co.	41	9
Central	34	20
Manassas	36	35
Osborne	39	33
Page Co.	37	20
Rapp.	34	9
Strasburg	29	12
Culpepper	46	12
Osborne	23	39
Stonewall	21	19
Brentsville	29	18
Clarke Co.	30	10
Central	32	28
Page Co.	25	16
Manassas	27	24
Strasburg	23	12
Rapp.	34	11
Culpepper	36	21
Stonewall	24	32

Season Record: 18 wins
2 losses

The Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team had an incredible season this year. They were undefeated in their district until the last game of the season, in which they played Stonewall Jackson. The Lady Mustangs lost, but by a narrow margin of eight points. They were first place in the Bull Run District, however, they couldn't continue for lack of a JV Girls' Basketball tournament. With excellent coaching by Coach Malone and Coach McConnell, the JV girls improved immensly throughout the season. This is all evident in their season record of 15 wins and 1 loss.

With such a strong JV team this year, it can be predicted that George Mason will have more victories to look forward to and strong teams in JV and Varsity Girls' Basketball for years to come.

After a short-lived season due to lack of games, the Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer team called it quits. The team got off on a rough start, first by having to fight for the formation of the team, then by having to find a coach. Nevertheless, both problems were solved before school began. The JV Girls' Soccer team came out strong.

With no real backbone on the team, the 20+ players worked together and performed relatively well. Despite the lack of experience and games, this JV team did not lose confidence. The participants are excited about next season and look forward to having a strong core of more experienced players. Expect to see a lot of action from them next year!

Above: JV GIRLS' SOCCER
First Row (L-R): Samah Salman, Caitlin McCommons, Meghan Montgomery, Joanna Bond, Chanin Knight, Amanda Guthridge Second Row (L-R): Jennifer Eastham, Denise Horacek, Nora Brew, Katherine Gardner, Angela Clark, Lisa Grimm, Betsy Lopez, Jamie Fitzgerald Third Row (L-R): Coach Kristie Mehew, Susan Yates, Amira Pierce, Lucinda Lake, Donna Watson, Meghan Pierce, Megan Sommer, Jamieson Spear, Kathryn Volpe, Lorraine Barrett.

JV Boys' Soccer

Young But Fresh!

Beginning the season was tough on this young JV Boys' Soccer team. With little experience and knowledge, they started and ended with a winning season. Their record was 3-3-2, which is an excellent accomplishment for these young men.

Mother Nature was not too understanding, though. Due to many postponements and cancellations, the young team did not get many opportunities to play. When they did, however, they played their hearts out and never let down. They showed they loved the game every time they stepped out onto the field.

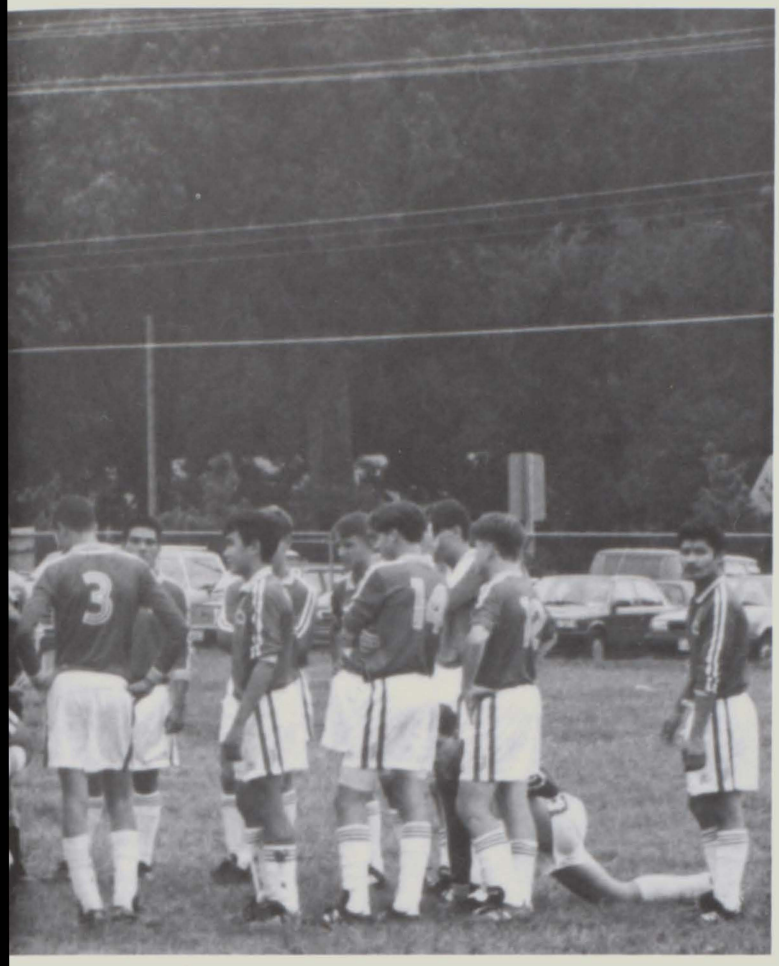
JV Soccer Scores

	GM	Opp.
Gonzaga	2	2
Episcopal	1	2
St. John's	3	1
Wash. Int.	0	0
Heights	3	1
O'Connell	1	2
Heights	5	1
O'Connell	0	6

Season Record: 3 wins
3 losses
2 ties

Above: FRESHMAN TIMOTHY McCABE passes the ball to a fellow teammate in a home game.

Above: SOPHOMORE GOALIE Eric Deschamps sets up the ball as he prepares to kick downfield to a teammate.



Left: THE BOYS' SOCCER TEAM meets during halftime to discuss game strategy.

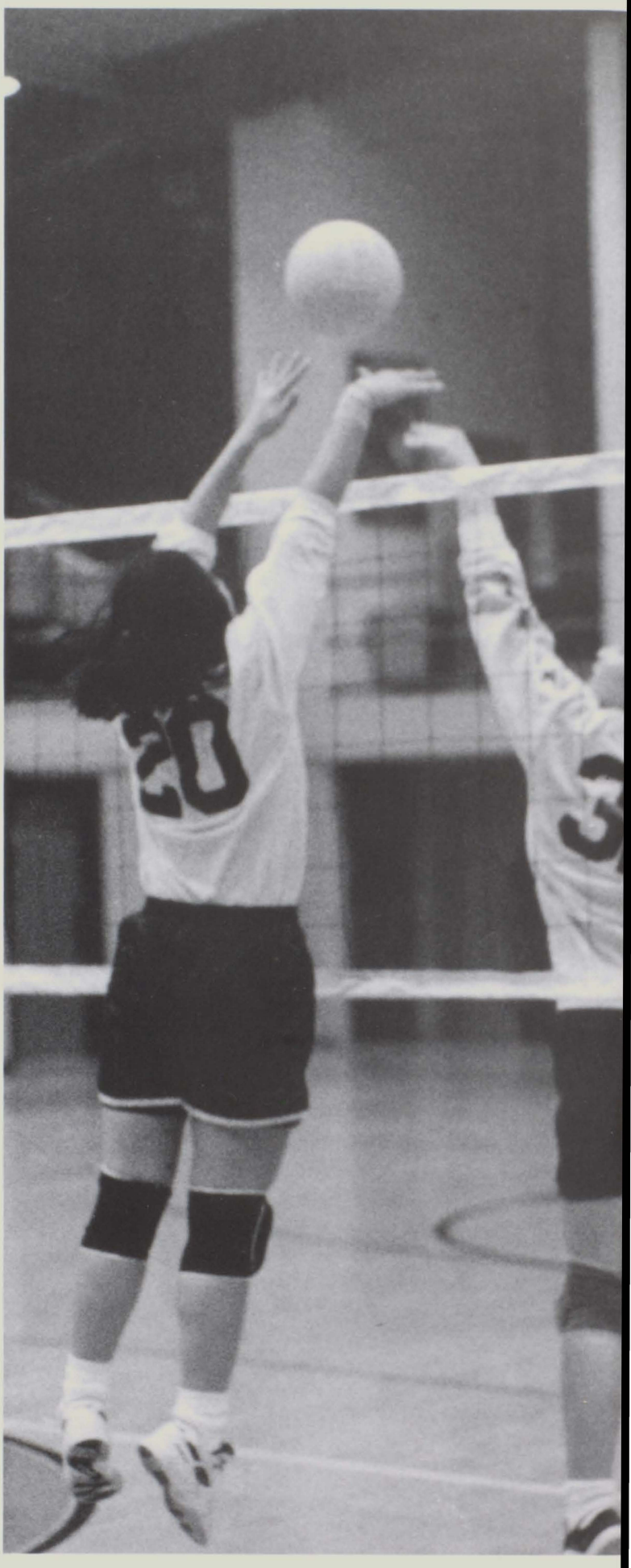
Left: THIS MAN has got to be a soccer player's best friend! Well, maybe!

Below: ONE EXAMPLE of how rough a sport soccer is, especially at George Mason.

Below: STRETCHING FOR THE RETURN, Sophomore Mary Jeanne Cincotta reaches up for a spike in a home game against Manassas Park.

Above: Junior standout Catherine Bautista returns a hit which resulted in the game winning point in a home game. Teammate Junior Grace Chae watches on, alert and ready.

Right: WARMING-UP her blocking skills, Junior Catherine Bautista stops Senior Sarah Barber from spiking the ball.



Varsity Volleyball

An Unforgetable Year

Scores Please!

	GM	Opp.
(Number of Games in Match)		
Manassas Park	0	2
Central	0	2
Page Co.	0	2
Clarke Co.	2	0
Brentsville	2	1
Stonewall	2	1
Rappahannock	2	1
Manassas Park	0	2
Page Co.	0	2
Clarke Co.	0	2
Strasburg	0	2
Central	0	2
Stonewall	0	2
Brentsville	0	2
Overall	4-10-0	

The season for this group of seniors, juniors, and one sophomore started out strong, with close games against Page, Broad Run, and other schools. The team came away from these initial loses with determination, winning their next four games. The rest of the season was marked with impressive performances by the defense, offense and the setters, regardless of what the scores reflected.

It was an enjoyable season, despite injuries and often low morale. Several team dinners, gatherings, and the institution of "secret pals" helped boost spirits and inspire players.

The last two games, a double header at Strasburg and at Central, were played well and with a lot of heart. However, both games were lost by the Mustangs. The team's final home game, against Brentsville, was exhilarating, but resulted in yet another loss.

The season was ended with a great pizza party at Pizza Hut, where the team got to meet little Nicholas Knoke. Although the team will lose some terrific seniors, they look forward to next year, and a new season.

Above: VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
First Row (L-R): Larry Birello, Grace Chae, Sharon Eldridge, Trina Mangroo. Second Row (L-R): Olga Barrinuevo, Mary Jeanne Cincotta, Julia Love, Kristen Reich. Third Row (L-R): Britt Sheinbaum, Catherine Bautista, Mercedes Heil, Kela Anderson, Sarah Barber, Coach Judy Knoke.

When It Comes Down To It!

Not many high expectations had been placed upon the Wrestling team this year, especially after the loss of four wrestlers to graduation. Coach Mark Fredenburg planned to rebuild on a program that had taken six wrestlers to the State Tournament the year before. However, with a small turnout at the first practice, and the unexpected loss of several promising wrestlers, the possibility of even a half-full squad became bleak.

Many of the wrestlers who came out were either first or second year wrestlers, most with little or no experience. Even so, Fredenburg managed to prepare the squad for their first match in early December. Several surprise performances were brought in by the wrestling squad, and many of the wrestlers got their first wins, either by pinning or winning on points.

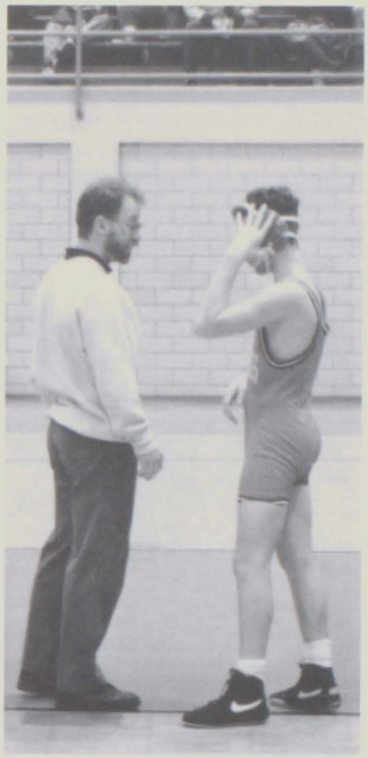
Senior Colman Burk, co-captains Wilson Rickerson and Joe Conaty, continued the growth of success by leading the team with three impressive wins over Model, the Millers School, and Massanutten Military Academy, which overturned the record two wins from the year before.

Hernandez went on to compete in the State tournament where he finished in twelfth place.

Overall, the team looked to improve significantly on the year's performance, and expects everyone on the team to return next year, with the exception of three Senior wrestlers.

Above: WRESTLING
Front Row (L-R): Jesse Haegedorn, Galen Reich, Wilson Rickerson, Adam Tarr, Ben Ziskind, Jody Fellows, Russell Eggleton. Back Row (L-R): David Buckingham, Eric Deschamps, Russell Rosin, John Waszilycsak, Jason Daube, Coach Mark Fredenburg.

Left: TEAMWORK in the strangest way. Rolling up the mats after every home game was an example of working together to get a heavy feat accomplished.

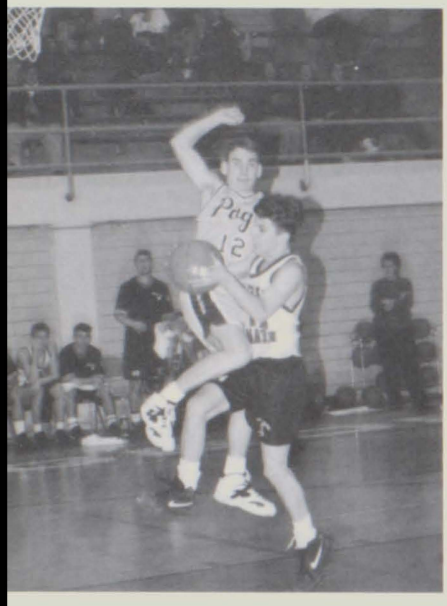


Left: Coach Fredenburg discusses with Freshman Galen Reich, his strategy and ideas for his upcoming match.

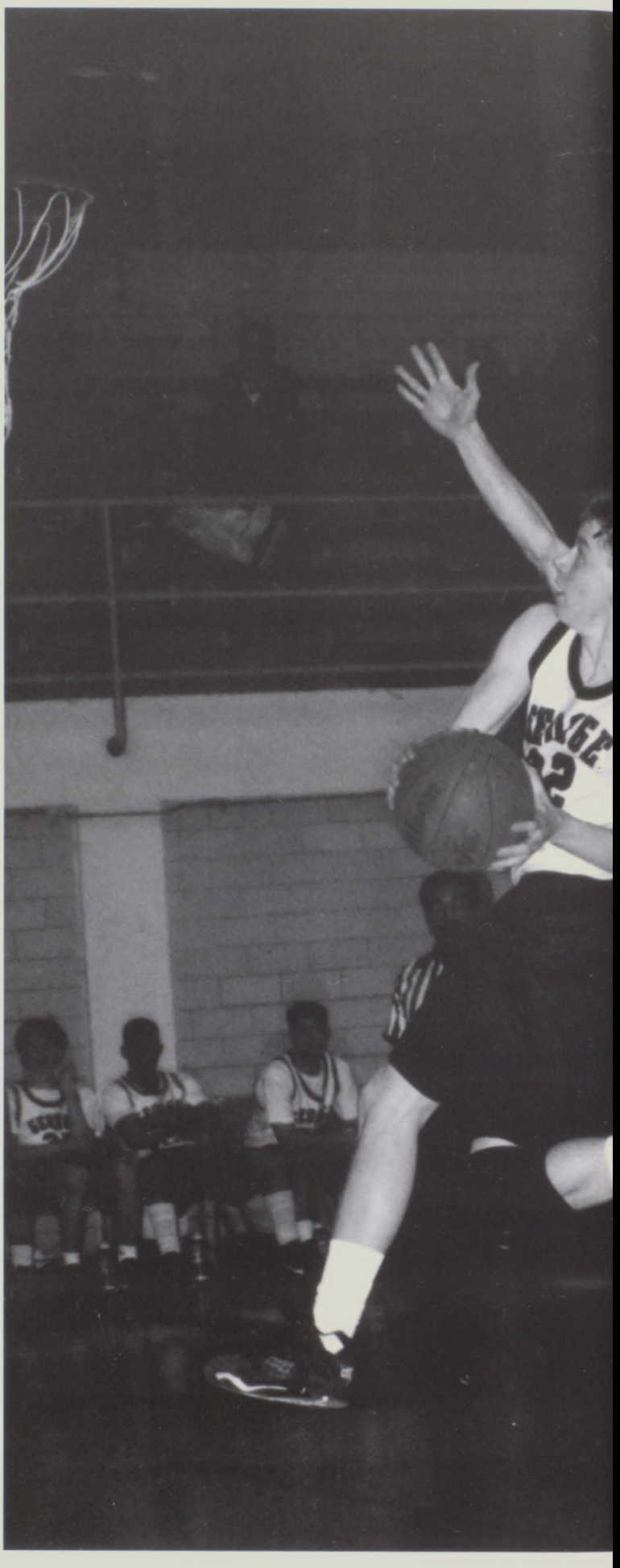
Below: IN THEIR STRATEGY SESSION, Coach Mark Fredenburg discusses where the team's focus points should be during their match.

Below: STRETCHING HIS BODY, Sophmore Victor Taylor puts forth all of his effort to put the basketball in the basket for another two points against Manassas Park.

Below: PUSHING THROUGH, Junior Jeremy O'Hara races towards the basket in order to score two points.



Right: FLYING THROUGH THE AIR, Senior and Co-Captain Nate Martin goes for a lay-up in a home game against Central. Nate was one of the teams continuous standouts during the season.



Varsity Boys' Basketball

AGAINST ALL ODDS!

SCORES AND MORE!

DISTRICT RECORD: 9-3
OVERALL RECORD: 11-7
RUNNER UP IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

ALL DISTRICT FIRST TEAM:
ANDREW TURNER
ALL DISTRICT SECOND TEAM:
NATE MARTIN
ALL DISTRICT THIRD TEAM:
MICHAEL MURCHIE

The George Mason Mustangs Basketball Team turned in an outstanding year, finishing the season with an 11-7 record. Through hard work and fortification the team was able to overcome the odds and finish a strong third in the regular season and second in the District Tournament.

In past years, George Mason was known for its underachieving and mediocre basketball teams. But through the leadership of Senior captains Paul Dampier, Seth Kingsley, Nate Martin, and Andrew Turner, the team was able to overcome past failures and advance well beyond the expectations of outsiders.

One of the keys to the season was commitment from each player and from coaches Lori McConnell and David Garrison. Hard work on the court, in practice, and in every game also contributed to the winning season.

The outstanding defense led to accomplishments such as holding Manassas Park to 20 points and keeping teams under double digits in many quarters of play. The offense, which benefited greatly from the defense, scored 95 points against Central and 88 points three nights later against Page County.

Seniors Andrew Turner and Nate Martin broke the school record for points in a game with 44 points each, on separate nights. Through efforts like these, the Mustangs were able to go further into the playoffs than years past. The success of this team has set a standard for all future basketball teams at George Mason.

Above: VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL
First Row (L-R): Scott Dampier, Victor Taylor, Pete McElwain, Mike Mohajeri, Nick Thomas. Second Row (L-R): Jeremy O'Hara, Seth Kingsley, Ben Bower, Nate Martin, Shon Atabki. Third Row (L-R): Asst. Coach Michael Malone, Rob Sprague, Michael Murchie, Head Coach Lori McConnel, Paul Dampier, Andrew Turner, Asst. Coach David Garrison.

Surprises Abounded!

Starting off the season in March of 1993, the Varsity Cheerleaders have added more accomplishments to their record. With their first competition at William and Mary College, the girls learned how to cope with the stress. During the summer, the girls put in hard working hours, which paid off at UCA Camp in Towson, MD, this summer. Finishing their season off with the Most Spirited trophy at District Competition, the Varsity Cheerleaders finished strong.

Tryouts in March,1993, brought seven JV Cheerleaders up to the Varsity level -- the loss of seven Seniors didn't phase the team at all! In fact, they came back stronger than ever.

Summer Camp was held at Towson University in Towson, MD. Two girls were chosen for the UCA All-Star London Team. Both Amie Camden and Diana Dinerman traveled to London, England over the Winter Break, to perform in the London Parade on New Year's Day.

For the third time in six years, George Mason won the Spirit Award. This award is voted on by all the squads in the district, and is given to the squad which displays the true Cheerleading spirit throughout the whole year. Three of the team members also made All-District.

With every year, the George Mason Varsity Cheerleaders make a distinct mark in the history of the Athletic Department. Consistency, teamwork, dedication, and perserverance best describe this year's team. With a bright future, the George Mason Cheerleaders expect and accept nothing but 210% of effort, and that is why they are such an outstanding and respected team.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUMMER CAMP:
UCA All-Stars:
Amie Camden
Diana Dinerman
Spirit Stick Award
Voted One of the Top Squads

COMPETITION:
Most Spirited
First Squad All-District:
Diana Dinerman
Second Squad All-District:
Amie Camden
Meghan Tierney

Above: VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
First Row (L-R): Diana Dinerman and Amie Camden. Second Row (L-R): Christina Pagano, Paige Phelps, Cassandra Pagano, Amanda Schwab. Third Row (L-R): Glenda Lopez, Carolina Espinal, Heidi Harrington, Meghan Tierney, Natasha Haley. Fourth Row (L-R): Head Coach Saralyn Bowling and Assistant Coach Debbie Villamez.

Above: STRAIGHT UP is Sophomore Carolina Espinal's goal. Nothing can stop her, except maybe her bases Freshman Christina Pagano and Junior Meghan Tierney. A walk-up extension was one of the many advanced stunts the Varsity Cheerleaders did to impress the crowd.

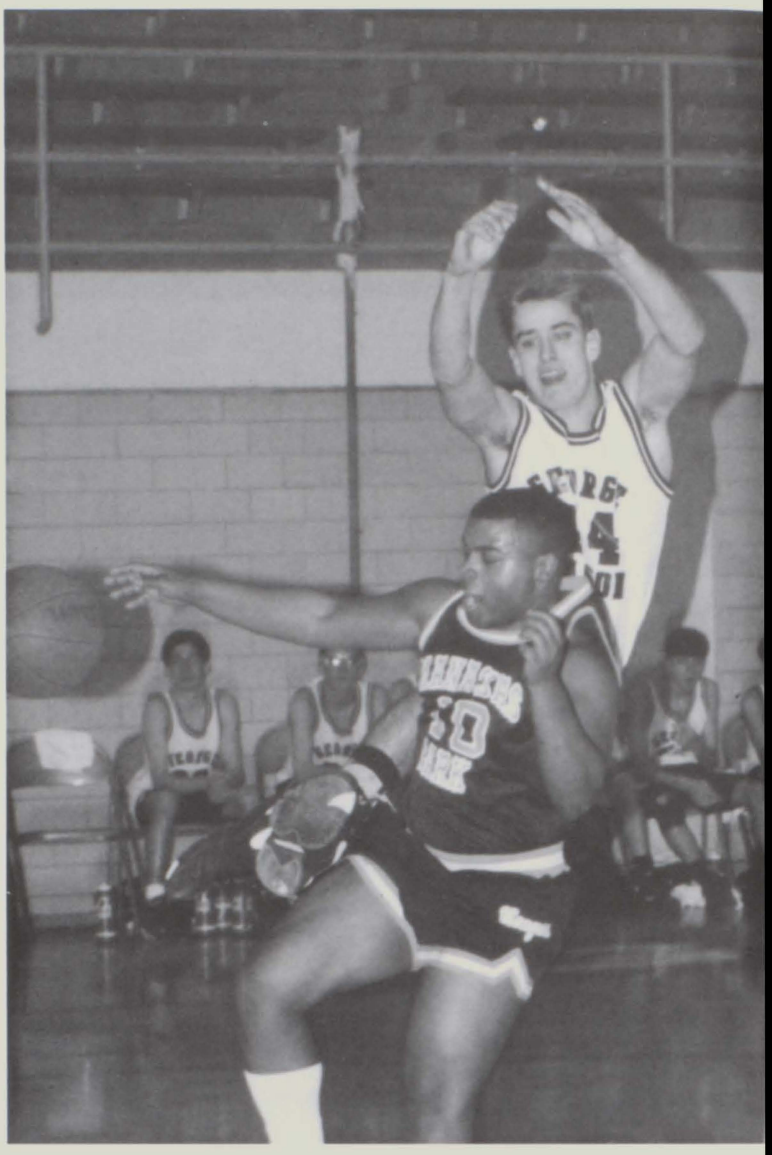
Left: "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! That's the Mustang battle cry!" The Cheerleaders were always trying to get the crowd involved.

Left: LONDON BOUND! Seniors Diana Dinerman and Amie Camden pose for a News-Press Photo in their uniforms for the London Parade.

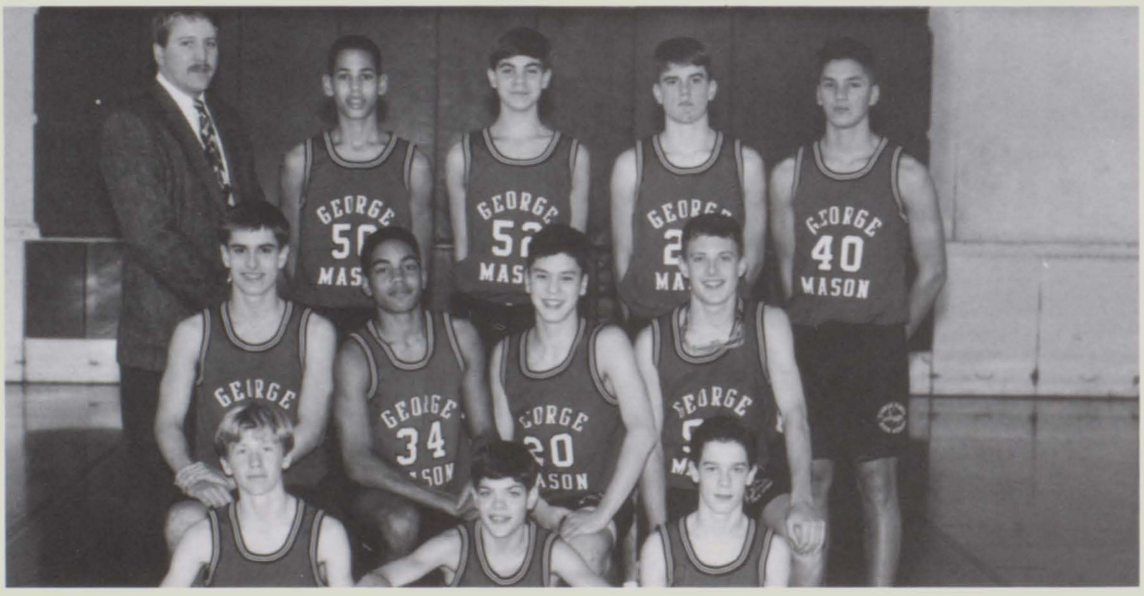
Below: "WEATHER" it be rain, sleet, snow, or ice, the Mustang Cheerleaders were always happy to support the teams.

Right: TOUGH DEFENSE is how Sophomore Darren Robertson plays basketball. A strong defense helped the JV Basketball team this year.

Below: PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION, Manager Steve Birello listens while Coach Krueger gives a pep talk to the team. Steve was a terrific asset to the team as a manager.



Below: Sophomore Anna Lofgren slams the volleyball into the opponent's court during a home game.



Above: Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball
First Row (L-R): Jonathan Florance, Scott Hetterman, Matt Pollack. Second Row (L-R): Darren Robertson, Michael Green, Eddie Jordan, Trevor Sweek. Third Row (L-R): Coach Michael Malone, Noah Kramer-Dover, Jon-Michael Lemon, Chris McCall, Brian Kestell.

JV Boys' Basketball and JV Volleyball

Straight To The Top!

VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record:
11 Wins
4 Losses

BASKETBALL

Overall Record:
11 Wins
4 Losses

With an overall record of 11-4, the JV Girls' Volleyball team had a fabulous season. By shutting out tough opponents in the Bull Run District, they came in third in the district. This season, the team worked hard on improving their defensive game, concentrating on solid blocks by Stacey Rosholt and Tessa Maish. With no need to improve their offensive plays, the Mustangs watched as strong hitters like Anna Lofgren, Riara Wilson, and Tate Pannebecker scored against their opposing teams.

The girls had no problem with unity; it could be heard loud and clear on buses and in McDonald's all over the Northern Virginia area. They were always giggling and screaming with laughter. The team is eagerly looking forward to a great 1994-95 season.

The Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball team had an outstanding season. The team got off to a good start winning three out of their first four games. Their season record was 11-4 and they placed fourth in the district. The team was helped on offense by the skills of Damien Lindsay and Chris McCall. While on the defense, Eddie Jordan seemed to always steal the ball from the opponent. With these talents, the Varsity team should excell next year, leaving room for fresh faces on the Junior Varsity team.

Above: Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball
First Row (L-R): Meredith Bastian, Julie Noone, Tessa Maish, Rebeka Wolfe, Alex Shalit, Patty Jordan. Second Row (L-R): Linda Lofgren, Lucy Lake, Jenny Karro, Anna Lofgren, Clara DellaQueva, Amy Hobbie. Third Row (L-R): Steve Birello, Meagan Pierce, Stacey Rosholt, Tate Pannebecker, Vanessa Barber, Riara Wilson, Coach Alan Krueger.

Starting From Scratch!

The JV Cheerleading team was a brand new squad this year.

Coached by Ms. Janet Suleske, the girls and guys worked hard to maintain the reputation they have held the past few years. Dedicated to their school, these athletes strove to be the best on the Bull Run District. But learning the basics wasn't easy.

Like any other team, the Cheerleaders put in lots of practice time. Conditioning, stunting, and other things filled their practice time. Learning the skills they needed to move on to Varsity, the Cheerleaders never quit.

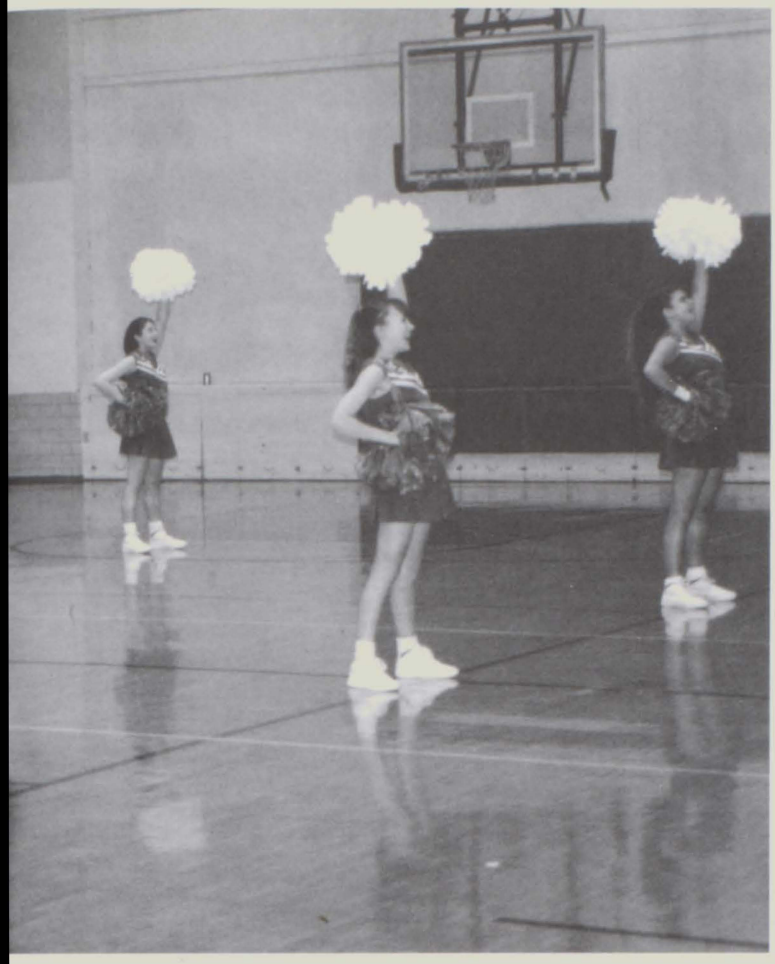
During the summer, the team went to Towson State University to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp. This was a time of learning, achieving and bonding. Freshman Stefanie Williams described her first experience at camp, "It was tough! We woke up early, and worked all day long. Being ecstatic at 7:00 in the morning is really hard! But I'll never forget the experience. I learned a lot about Cheerleading. And I got to know my teammates better. We all became good friends during camp. That's really important for team unity."

This year, the JV Cheerleading squad had two male Cheerleaders. Freshmen Christopher Day and Brian Friedman were a terrific asset to the Cheerleading program.

Dedication, commitment, incentive, responsibility, work ethic. Those were all important in the JV Squad. And whatever the team lacked, they made up for it in enthusiasm and willingness. The Cheerleading program has a lot to look forward to in the years to come.

Above: JV CHHERLEADING
First Row (L-R): Stefanie Williams, Kacie Gerard. Second Row (L-R): Michelle Czirjak, Cassie Lewis, Megan Washam. Third Row (L-R): Chris Day, Martha Wells, Amy Tierney, Aaron Koutoulakos, Katie Melson, Coach Janet Suleske.

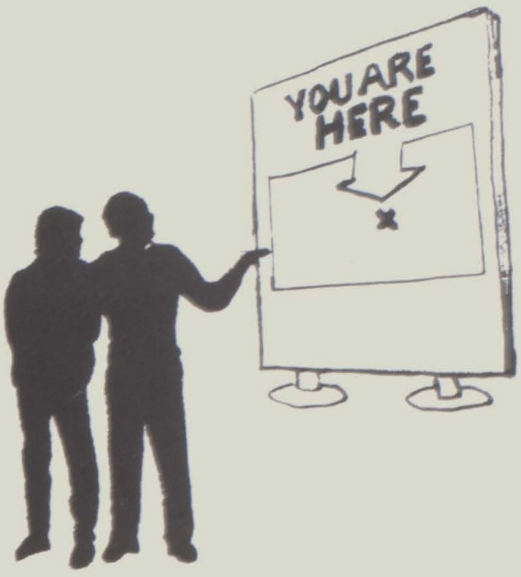
Above: ALTHOUGH SHE'S COLD AND WET Sophomore Cassie Lewis cheers on. When Homecoming Day dawned dreary, Cassie gave everyone a smile to know that everything was still okay.



Left: "YELL IT!" scream the JV Cheerleaders. Part of Cheerleading is trying to get the sleepy crowd off their feet and cheering for the team.

Left: LETTING HER HAIR DOWN, Freshman Michelle Czirjak dances for the crowd.

Below: COMING DOWN FROM A STUNT in the Homecoming Pep Rally, are Freshmen Christopher Day, Megan Washam, and Brian Friedman. The guys were mainly used for basing stunts.



From Freshmen to Seniors, there was one tie which bound us all together their year--the pain of reconstruction.

Running from the school to the "learning modules" only to arrive in class thoroughly soaked. Then when the feeling has returned to your fingers and your clothes have started to dry, the bell rings and it's back into the rain again.

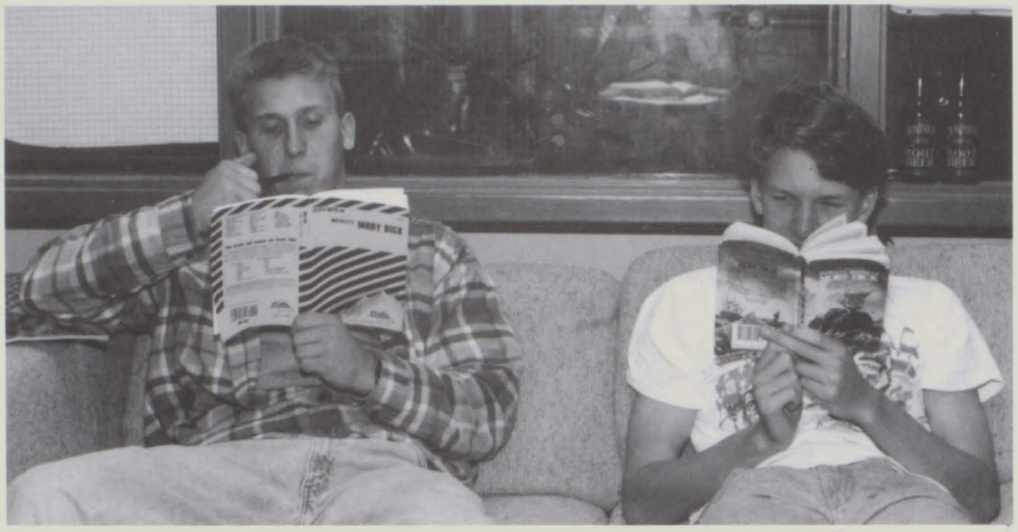
Even in the classroom the forces of nature could be seen. Whether you were in the Anthropology class the day when the students awaited a cave-in, or in the library the afternoon when an unplanned addition was added on, a waterfall, students everywhere ran into unexpected obstacles.

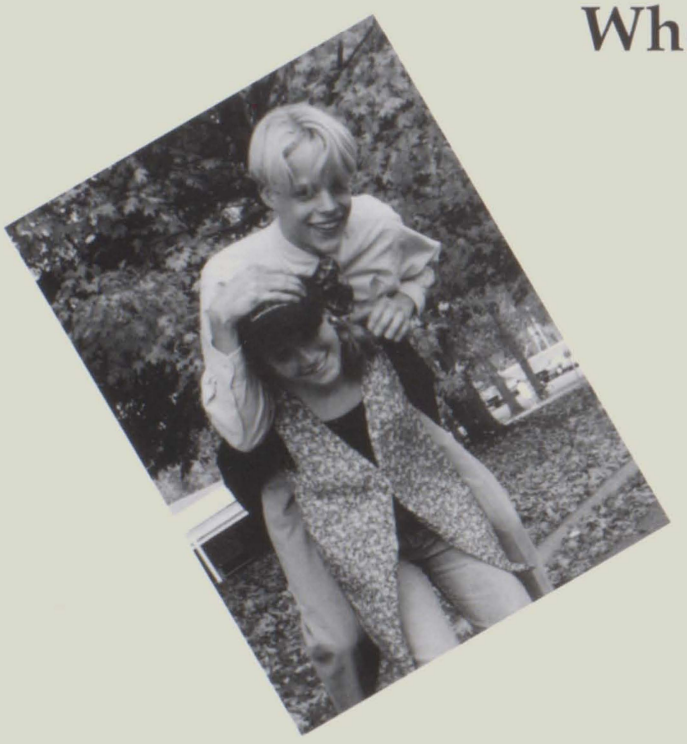
Then just when you thought that you had gotten through school safe and sound, the fire alarm resonated throughout your seventh period classroom. And as we stood waiting to get back into the building we found out the reason, the construction workers had set off the detectors.

Yet, we all survived as only George Mason could. And in each one of those blocks that were laid, YOU could SEE YOURSELF HERE!

Class of . . . 94

There is no doubt that **STACEY MIZE** and **CHRIS YATES** are "Class Politicians". Stacey has been involved in many after-school activities including Service Club, High School Study Committee, and Student Council. Chris is also very busy being the President of the GMHS Student Council, as well as being involved in Model United Nations, and Cross Country, just to name a few. Stacey and Chris also have a full load of honors classes.

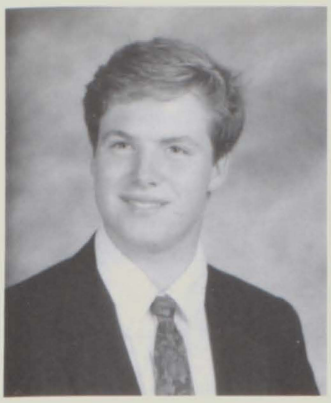




Where Will We Be In 10 Years?

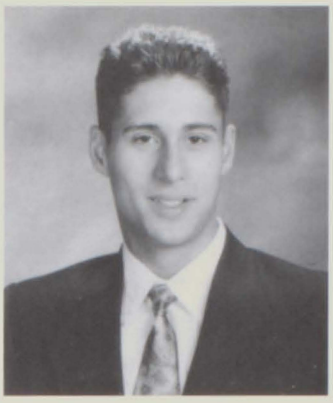
The Class of 1994, a strong, determined group of people. Each with different methods, but the same goal: to graduate from high school. It seemed like only yesterday when we were going to school for the first time. And, now, we have completed another chapter in The Book of Life.

As we turn the page to a new chapter, we reflect upon the past. Some of us have been friends since Kindergarten or even before that. Some of us have gone through the entire Falls Church school system. Others have joined us along our journey. But one thing will never change! We will always be the Class of 1994. A class that will always be remembered by the classes to come. The Class of '94 has conquered high school, and is now ready to conquer the world!



EDWARD ANDERSON

"I think," said Christopher Robin, "that we should eat all our provisions now, so that we don't have so much to carry."



KOSHON D. ATABAKI

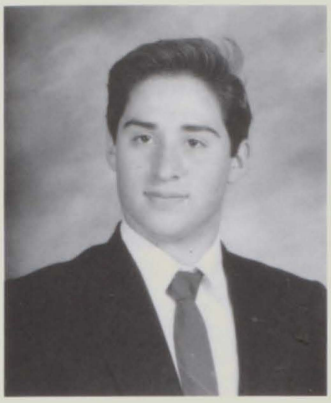
"I'm sound physically, my shoulder's fine, so I said, `Let's go upstairs,' you know, be sound mentally, too."
-Dwight Gooden

LENA JANEL BANSEL

"Once you've found a why to live, you can surely overcome any how."
-Nietsche

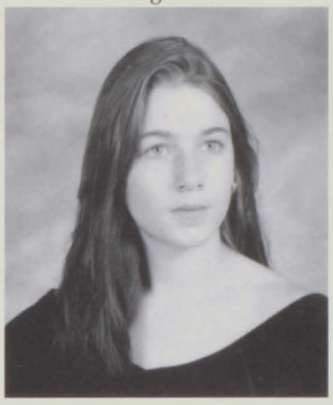
SARAH M. BARBER

I'll walk with gentle pace
And choose the smoothest place,
And careful dip the oar,
And shun the winding shore.
-Henry David Thoreau



LARRY J. BIRELLO

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken winged
Bird that cannot fly.

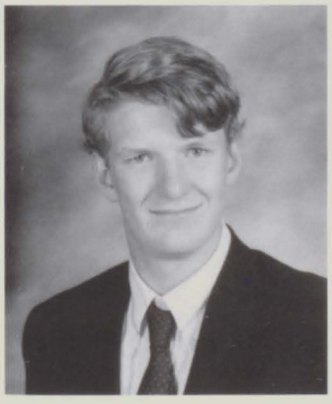


JESSICA M. BLAKE

"My type of person is the one who builds a fallout shelter with a doorbell."
-Dick Gregory

LARISA E. BOLIVAR

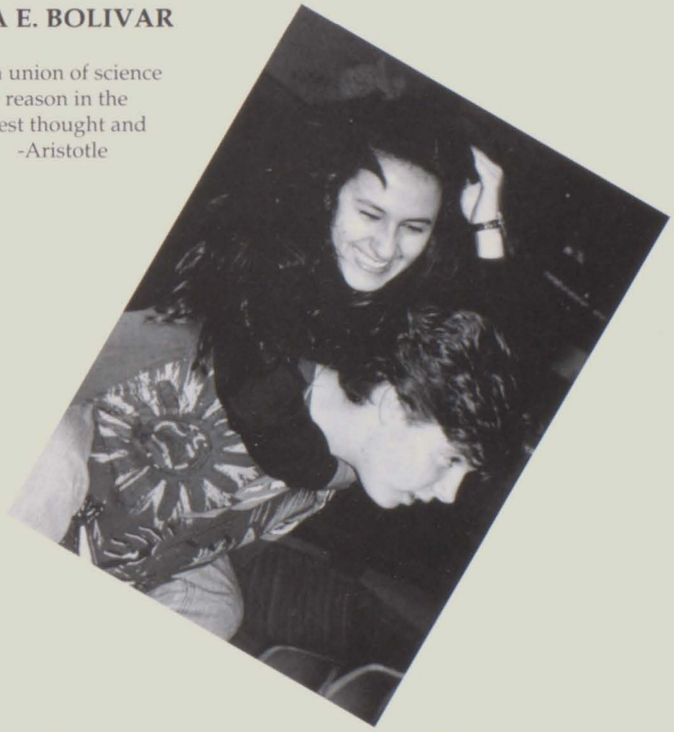
"Wisdom is a union of science and intuitive reason in the fields of loftiest thought and purpose." -Aristotle



BENJAMIN T. BOWYER

Your future won't save your past
The time is now, it won't last.
-Living Colour

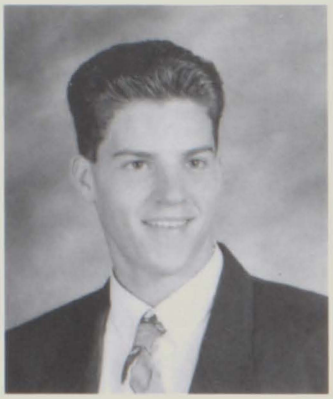
BRODERICK A. BRADY



MARIEL GOYONAGA and **EDDIE ANDERSON** definately deserve the award for "Friendliest." Their continuous smiles and warm personalities are definitely an added plus to everyone's day. "I enjoy talking to different people and breaking into their groups to get to know them better," remarks Mariel. Here, they can be seen enjoying one of their many fun-filled moments during school.

SARA E. BROCK

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation."
-Isaiah 61:10



COLMAN S. BURK

"And when the fish ain't bitin' life gets frightening, so hang tough, hold on to your stuff."
-Fishbone

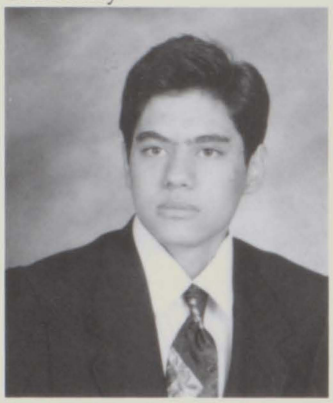
AMIE M. CAMDEN

"Anything you've ever said is brilliant. Anything you wanna do is fine with me. This is much better than love, babe, This is a Crush Story."

LAURA C. CHAVES

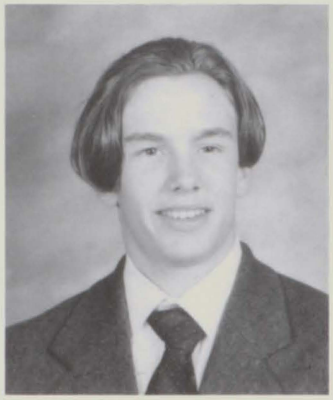
"Get out of your mind
'cause it's much too small
and there's so much going on."
-Faith No More

Practice makes perfect. **JOHN SCHUTTE** and **VICKI SPEVACEK** each did just that, earning the title of "Most Athletic." John, who has played on the Varsity Football team for four years, was named to the First Team All-District. Vicki, a four year starter for the Girls' Varsity Basketball team, was named First Team All-District and All-State. Vicki also scored her 1,000th point in a regular season home game.



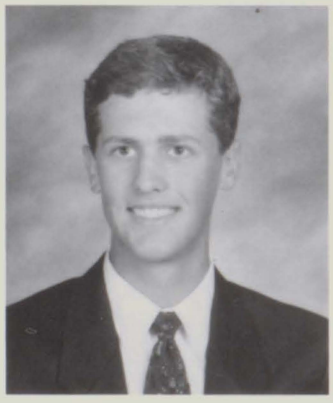
TOMAS E. CINCOTTA

The world exists only in the form you perceive it. Therefore, trust your convictions and you will succeed.



JASON P. CUSHMAN

"All for one, one for all, and every man for himself."
-Three Stooges



PAUL R. DAMPIER

Good enough is good enough, but perfect is a pain in the ***, and not worth the effort.

CHRISTOPHER DIETZ

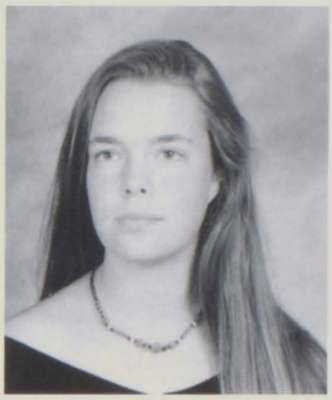
I believe because it is impossible. (Credo quia impossible.)
-Tertullian, De Carne Christi

MICHELLE A. DILLMAN

"The yearning for companionship tears deep within. No one comes."
-Anonymous

DIANA L. DINERMAN

Am I really here?
Or is this someone else's dream?

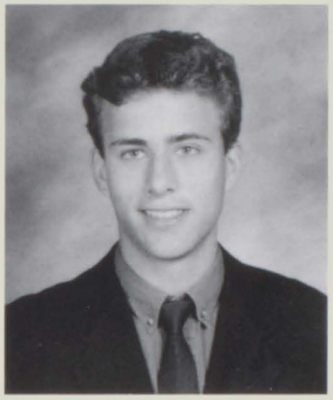


LYDIA E. DOLEMAN

ALEXANDRA DOOLING

HANNA S. EDWARDS

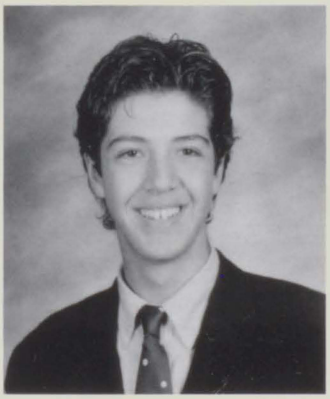
"May I have the pleasure of your name before I run you through?"
-Michael Wincott



ERIC O. EISEMON

"Oh, oh!" said the fox to himself, "I am in luck! Never have I seen such a remarkably fine cheese!"
-Aesop's Fables

Togetherness, laughter, respect, and joy is what makes a couple cute. **JENNY PARRA** and **JAMES WALLACE** seem to have and feel all these. Voted by their classmates as "Class Cuties," they are considered as such because they are friends among themselves and also with others. Both seniors enjoy being together to share and listen to each other. Whenever they are seen together, they have smiles on their faces--proving to all the happiness they share. James and Jenny have been a couple for nearly two years, and are the true examples of cuties!



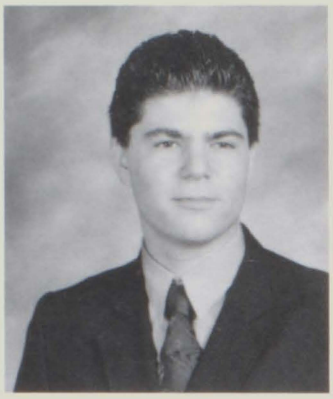
CARLO FERRARINI

Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat.
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

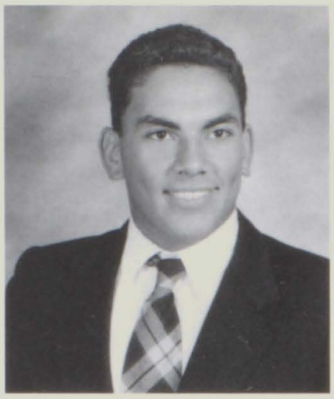
AMY FINNEGAN

TONI M. FITZGERALD

"Life is just one d***ed thing after another."
-F.W. O'Malley

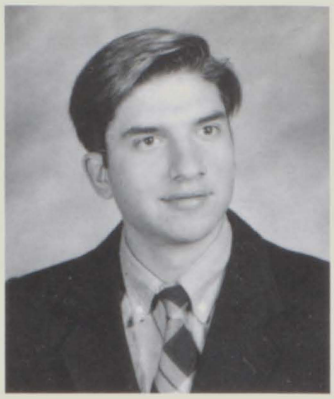


JEFFREY M. FRIEDMAN



OSCAR R. FUENTES

"I got skills to pay the bills!"
-Nike (commercial)



RODRIGO GOMEZ

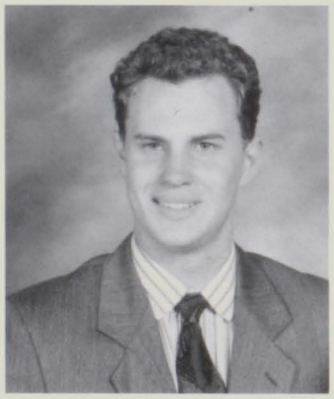
"Most Spirited" could not have been achieved by someone more cheerful than **DIANA DINERMAN** or **CHRIS DIETZ**. Diana is a captain of the Varsity Cheerleading squad, and Chris pumps up the football team with spirit like you wouldn't believe.

MARIEL GOYONAGA

"Everything is possible for he who believes."
Mark 9:23

KIERNAN GRAVES

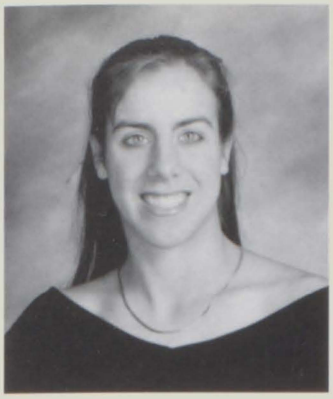
"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."



COURTNEY A. HALL

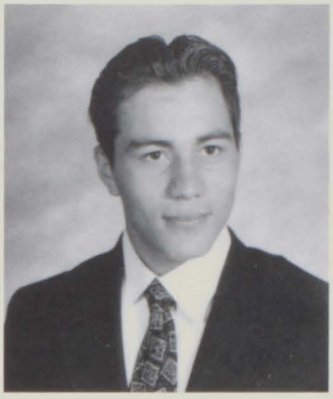
JOEL A. HARDI

"Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better."
("Tous les jours, a tous les points de vue, je vais de mieux en mieux.")
-said 20 times each day by patients at the Nancy Sanitarium



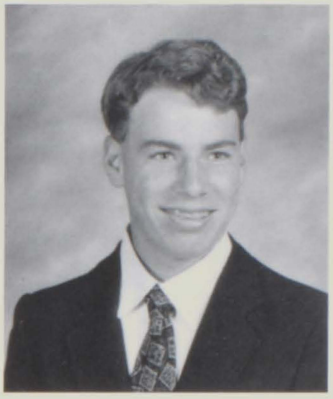
MERCEDES E. HEIL

Lord Ronald said nothing, he flung himself from the room, flung himself upon his horse and rode madly off in all directions.



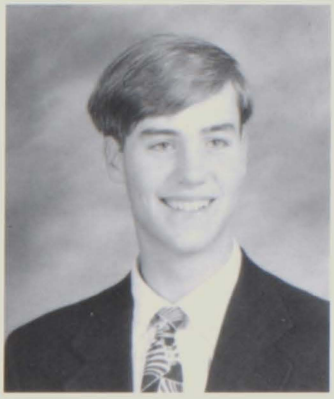
BERNALDO HERNANDEZ

Life is a maze, you've got to work your way out of it.



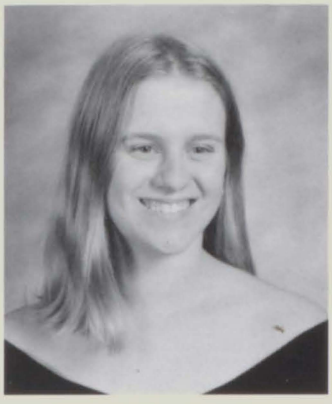
TODD A. HORACEK

All brain processes are derived from a computable substrate.



LARS W. HOWLETT

"No eggs! No eggs!! Thousand thunders, man, what do you mean by no eggs?"
-George Bernard Shaw, Saint Joan



CYNTHIA C. HUNT

"Freedom lies in being bold."
-Robert Frost

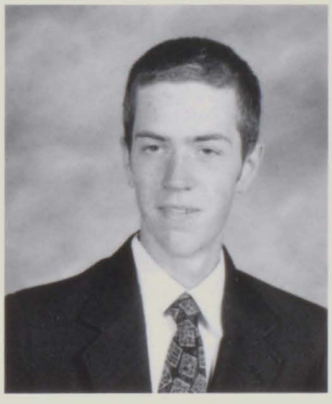
CHAD C. JACKSON

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
-Phill. 3:14

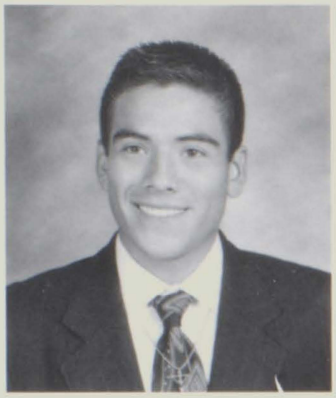
Voted the "Most Likely to Succeed", the Senior class couldn't have picked anybody better than **LAUREN KRAMER-DOVER** or **JOEL HARDI**. While Joel is Editor of the school newspaper, The Lasso, he is also in Model United Nations, Tempo, and was on the It's Academic team for two years. Lauren, a National Merit Semifinalist, belongs to Contract Chorus, Madrigals Club, and Forensics. Both Lauren and Joel are in The National Honor Society and are I.B. Diploma candidates.

PETER C. JOHNSON

"It's all just a game,
we just want to be loved."
-Lenny Kravitz



CHRIS R. JONES



FERNANDO JORDAN

ROBBIE A. KARRO

ANAITA KHUDONAZAR

SETH H. KINGSLEY

"D*** it, Kingsley, you're dancing around like a circus bear!"
-Coach Tony Green

NORMAN LIPPS and **JULIA LOVE** were named "Most Talkative" in the Senior Class. They are always found talking, whether it be about the minor or major aspects of things in life. They will always have something to say about anything and everything. They are both very outgoing and friendly with all their peers.

LAUREN KRAMER-DOVER

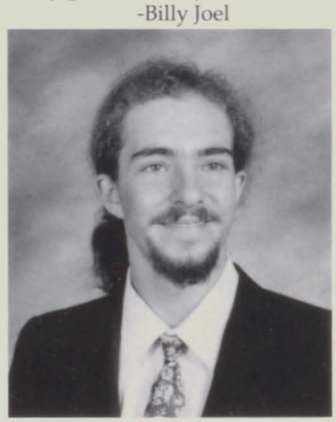
"Pray as if everything depends on God,
Act as if everything depends on you."
-Source Unknown

SIMONE C. KREMBS

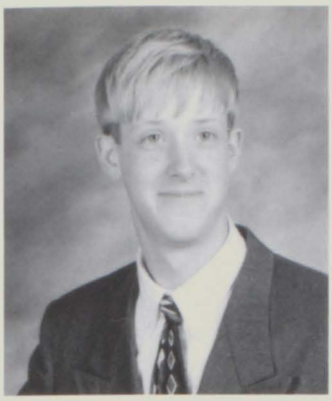
"No, you can't talk, and isn't that a kind of madness to be living a code of silence when you've really got a lot to say."
-Billy Joel

YOUNG MI LEE

"When our friends are present, we ought to treat them well; and when they are absent, to speak of them well."
-Epictetus



THEMBA LEWIS



NORMAN N. LIPPS, JR.

"As if you could kill time without Eternity."

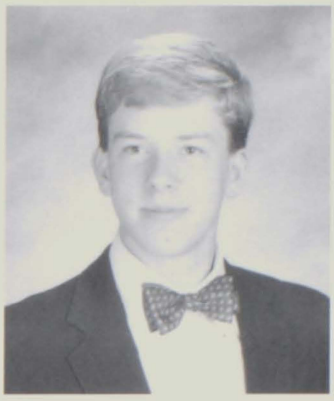
JULIA M. LOVE

"The people on our planet are not standing in line single file.Look closely. Everyone is really standing in a circle, holding hands. Whatever you give to the person next to you eventually comes back to you."

TRINA D. MANGROO

I don't think I'd have been in such a hurry to reach adulthood if I knew the whole thing was going to be ad-libbed.

Calvin and Hobbes



NATHAN E. MARTIN

I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphamer and a persecuter and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

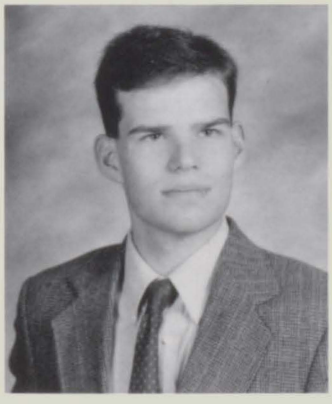
-1 Timothy 1:12-13

ERIKA J. MARTINEZ

KRISTIN. L. MCDONALD

"Just ice it!"

The "Best Dressed" in the Senior Class are **COLMAN BURK** and **SAMANTHA PETRICH.** They are always wearing the trendiest and latest outfits, not to mention making a fashion statement. However, both commented that they don't dress to impress, but simply to be comfortable. Whether they know it or not, though, their styles are subject to admiration from their peers.



BRIAN L. MCLAUGHLIN

"The rich rules over the poor, and the debtor becomes the leader's slave."

-Proverbs 22:7

ANN M. MICKELSON

"He who bends to himself a joy, doth the winged life destroy; but he who kisses the joy as it flies lives in eternity's sunrise."

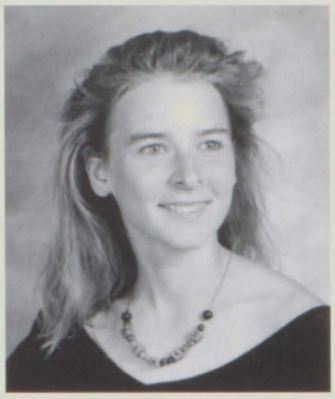
-William Blake

STACEY L. MIZE

In love affairs, it is only the beginnings that are amusing. Therefore, you should start over again as soon as possible.
-Marquise de Sevigne

MICHAEL H. MOHAJERI

"And if you listen very hard
The tune will come to you at last
When all are one and one is all."
-Led Zeppelin
"Stairway to Heaven"



DINAH K. MOORE

Why not upset the apple cart? If you don't, the apples will rot anyway.
-Frank A. Clark

TRUNG V. NGUYEN

I have nothing to say!

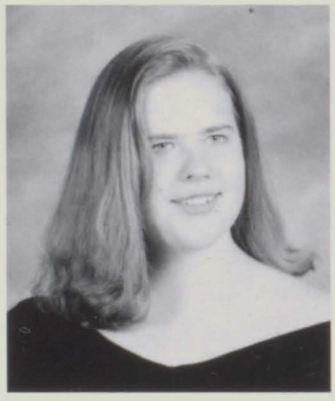
Voted "Most Talented" this year were **THEMBA LEWIS AND LAURA CHAVEZ**. Themba is an accomplished guitarist, and has displayed his talent in many of school activities. Laura is especially talented in the area of art. Both Laura and Themba help add to the diversity at George Mason.

LENE MARIE NORDVIK

SLOES IKKE BORT LIVET,
DET KOMMER IKKE I REPRISE!

MOJISOLA A. OJUMU

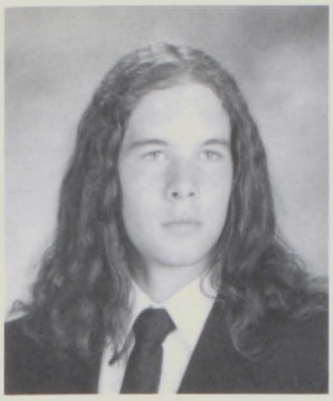
It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end.
-Ursula K. Le Guih



MARIA A. PALJARVI

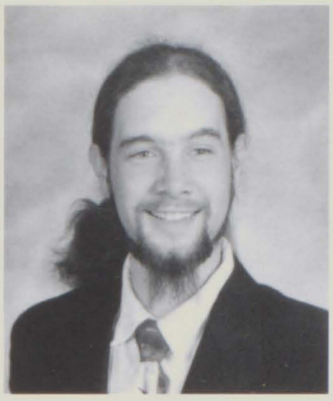
Vanha lahte. Paska jaa. Paskasta nose mopon paa.
-Finnish Army saying

JENNY M. PARRA



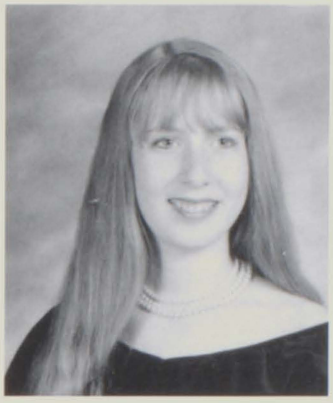
BRENT PARRISH

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.



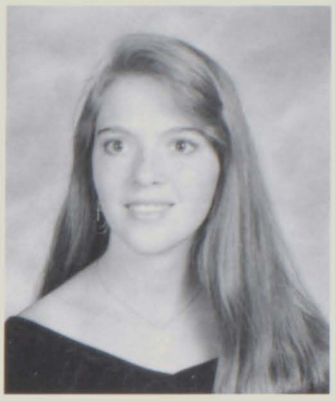
CHRIS S. PARRISH

And the children played nerve chemistry at the top of the world.



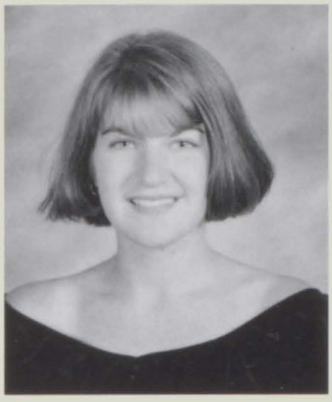
JANE E. PEREZ

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.
-Charles Dickens



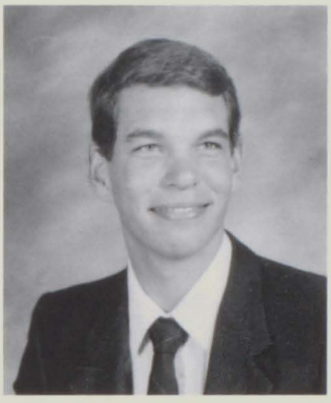
SAMANTHA PETRICH

"The next time you see a homeless person out on the street, don't pass them by, say hello, ask them how they're doing."
-Mitch Snyder (1943-1990)



SUSAN K. PHILLPS

Old maids sweeten their tea with scandal.
-Josh Billings

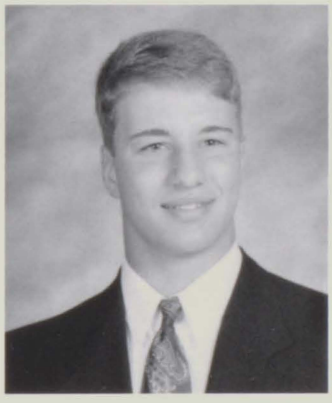


SEAN M. POLZER

Hofstater's Law: It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take into account Hofstater's Law.

TOMAS CINCOTTA and **ERIKA MARTINEZ** were voted "Most Artistic" for their talent in art. Both Tomas and Erika are taking at least one art class. They help with making back-drops for plays and have received many awards for their talent. They each hope to pursue art in college and even make a career out of it when they grow older. There are also many other talented artists in George Mason, but Tomas and Erika stand out and prove to be the best in the Senior Class.

DENNIS A. RICE

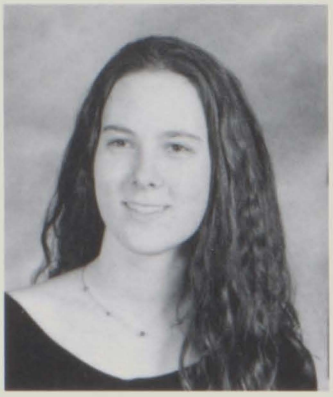


JOHN M. SCHUTTE

Every day we are given stones.
But what do we build?
Is it a bridge or is it a wall?
-Mom

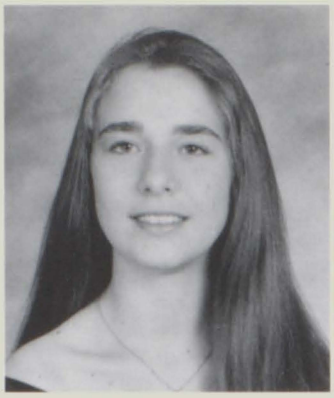
ADRIENNE L. SEDEI

"I get by with a little help from my friends."
-Beatles



ALLISON SHEEDY

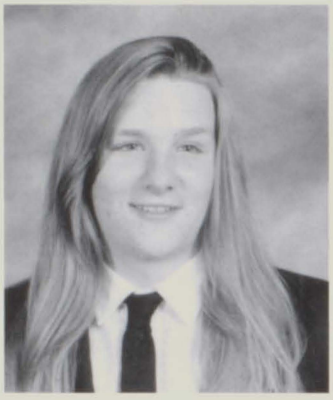
"Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got."
-Janis Joplin



BRITT SHEINBAUM

Saa snart du har tillid til dig selv, saa snart forstaar du at leve.
-J.W. Goethe

AMEL M. SMITH



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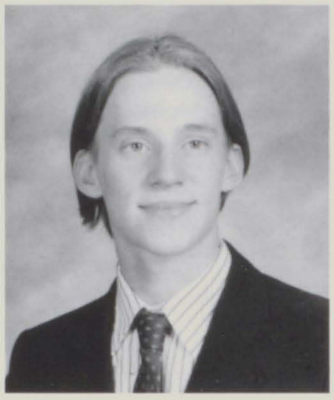
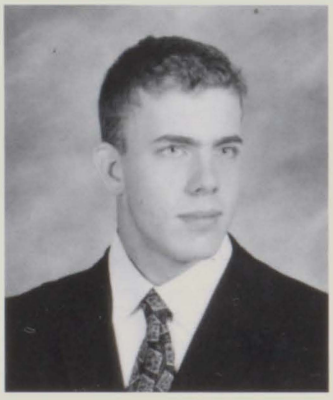


NOAH N. SMITH-HELLER

Two outstanding role models in the Senior Class are **SARAH BARBER** and **CHAD JACKSON**. Both of these students are actively involved in sports, yet they still find the time to study for school, these are reasons they were voted "Best All Around." Sarah and Chad are both involved in activities outside of school, which enhance their abilities to be two of the Senior Class' best.

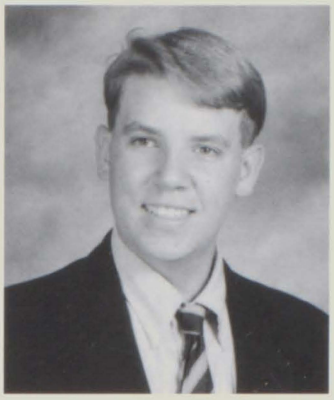


WILLIAM C. SOLLEY

NORMA E. SORTO

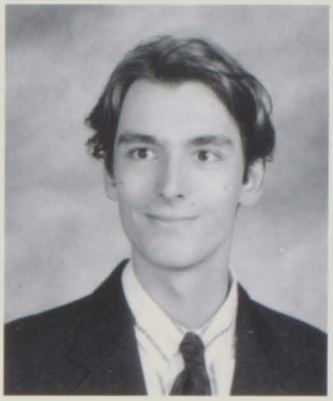
VICTORIA A. SPEVACEK

"...that is the best--
to laugh with someone
because you both think
the same things are funny."
-Gloria Vanderbilt

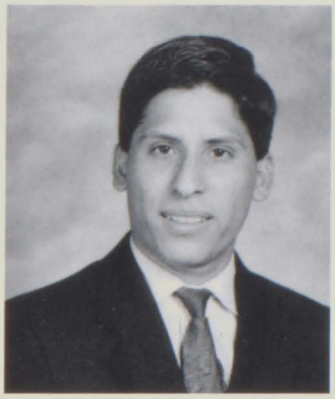


ROBERT W. SPRAGUE

You are not what you own
-Fugazi



NIKOLA STRBAC

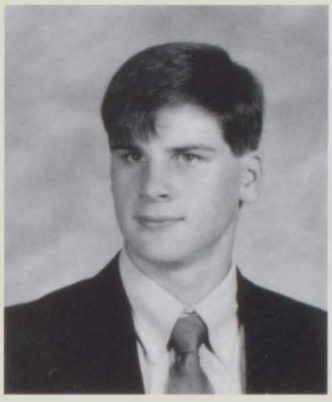


ALBERTO SUAREZ

This is the best day the world has ever seen. Tomorrow will be better.
-R.A. Campbell

EMILY E. THOMAS

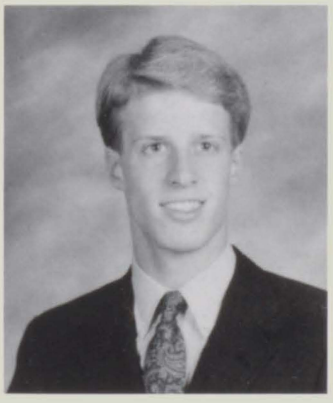
"You will do foolish things,
but do them with enthusiasm."
-Colette



TIMOTHY A. TIERNEY

"Baseball is everything.
And it's the only thing!
(According to The
Tierney Bible)

Funny, different, and full of joy--let's stop and think about it. Do those qualities really describe our friends **MOJI OJUMU** and **SETH KINGSLEY**? They certainly do. Voted "Class Clowns," Moji and Seth can always be seen with smiles on their faces, even when serious matters are discussed. Their motto seems to be: Being serious does not mean not being funny.



ANDREW G. TURNER

"There's no such thing as an easy two."
-Bernard King

JAMES WALLACE III

"Keep dreaming, because when you stop dreaming it's time to die"
-Blind Melon

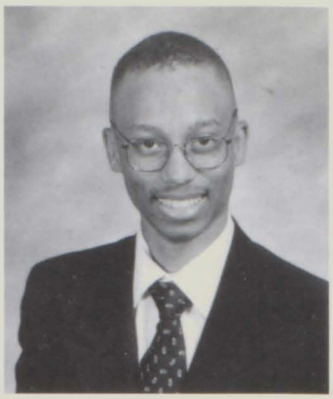
MICHAEL L. WELLS

BROOKE K. WHEATON

"Sometimes happens all the time,
and it's tearing me apart."
-Henry Rollins Band

MARGARETHA WIANT

Les dieux existent: c'est le diable.
-Jean Cocteau



CALVIN D. WILLS, JR.

"It's not all it's cracked up to be!"
-Glenn Mediros

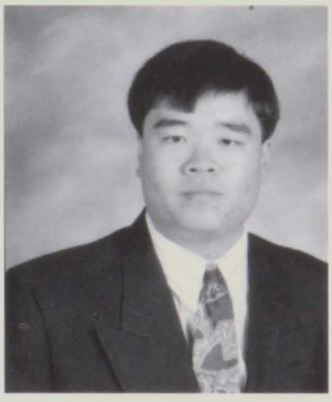
JASON CUSHMAN and **DINAH MOORE** were voted "Most Likely to Fall Asleep In Class." When asked why, Jason replied, "Because I'm always tired." Dinah, on the other hand didn't know why she was voted, she claims she never falls asleep in class. These two must always be sleepy because they are up so late studying!!

CHRIS Y. YATES

"A woman's a woman,
But a good cigar's a smoke."
-John Young

MELINDA L. YEARY

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."



ANDY X. ZHENG

I touched the goal line, but it slipped away.
Relief is just temporary, only the pressure is constant.

KAREN X. ZHENG

Nobody is perfect, but I did my best!
So I feel like a perfect human being.

JUNIORS

Small, busy, hectic, extreme. These words describe the Junior Class--the class of 1995. THEY WERE IN A WORLD OF THEIR OWN. It became a habit, perhaps even a ritual, for the Junior Class to have been constantly working on something; from plays, to math homework, to term papers, the list went on. All year, the Junior Class was busy fundraising for Prom 1994. From the summer carwash to their sponge-throwing booth at the Homecoming Fair, all of the Juniors' fund- raisers, were successful. Regardless of the fun they had during the year, the Juniors were soon advised by counselors to start looking at colleges and consider post-graduation plans. Ahhh, more work to do!

Jared Agnew
Toshiya Akiyama
Topias Allonen
Kela Anderson
Edward Arrazola

Chad Bailey
Sara Baldino
Catherine Bautista
Anne Benigsen
Holly Benner

Adam Black
David Buckingham
Grace Chae
Nathaniel Chambers
Joseph Conaty

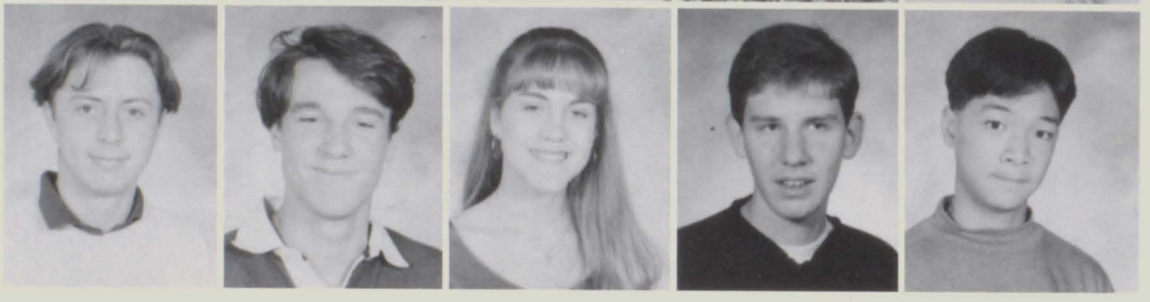
Carter Coyer
Jason Crossley
Bethany Day
Matthew Degnan
Dabid Diaz

Amanda Dickson
Roseanna Ditommaso
Meghan Dougherty
Sharon Eldridge
Emily Farbman

Caroline Ferrebee
Norma Fuentes
Wendy Gebhart
Brian Geoffrion
Andrew Hartman

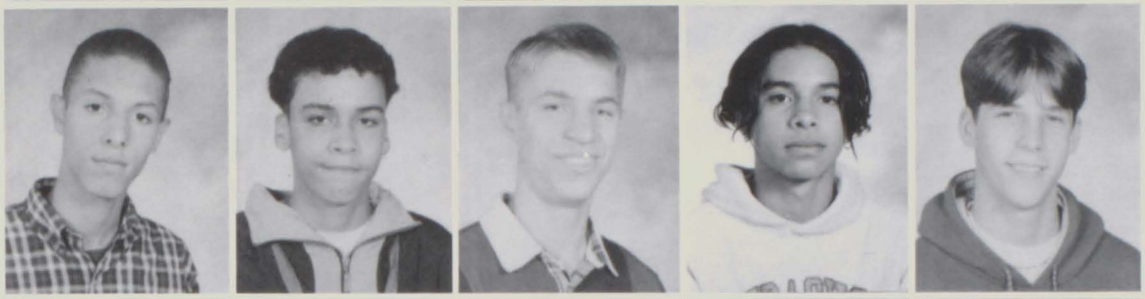
Ana Hernandez
Jose Hernandez
Melanie Horner
Joffrey Infante
Lisa Kallio

Marlin Kann
Jeremy Knight
Ashley Lancaster
David Larochelle
Kelvin Lo



Laughter could be heard down the hallway as one approached the Juniors. Although the Juniors were usually overwhelmed with school work, they found the strength to exchange a hilarious joke or some sort of pun. The Juniors also found laughing as a remedy for their usually stressful lives.

Duane Lomis
Jeremy Lucas
Christopher Marcey
Patricia Matthews
Peter McElwain



Samuel Mejias
Roberto Modelo
Michael Murchie
Luis Narvaez
Jeremy O'Hara

Catherine Obenstine
Quoc Ong
Cassandra Pagano
Nicole Pelon
Kristin Reich

Robert Renner
Wilson Rickerson
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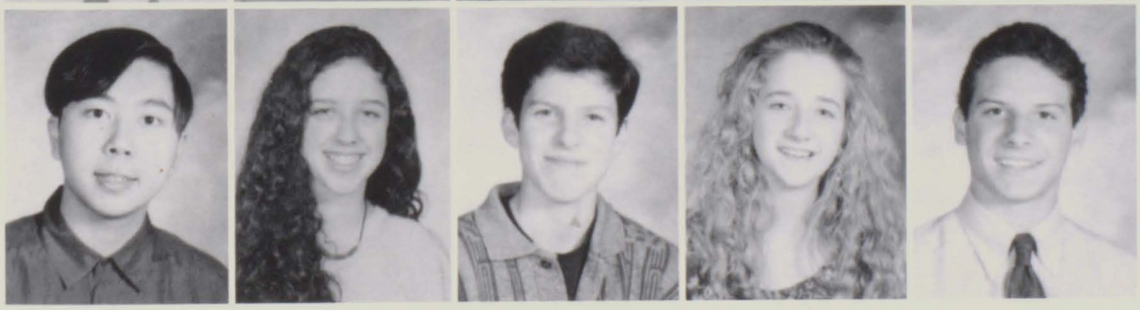
Julianna Roa
Travis Robey

George Robinson
Eric Rosenberger
Megan Schneebaum
Robin Sensibaugh
Eugene Simopoulos

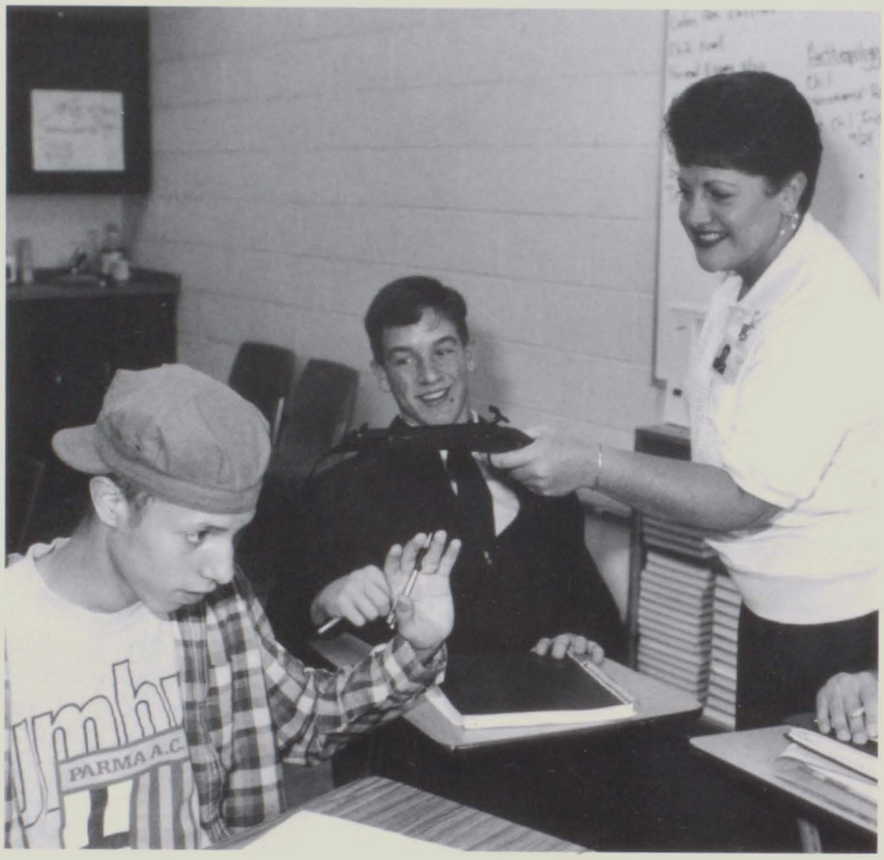


Rick Soong
Allison Spector
Adam Tarr
Jessica Temeles
Trent Templer

Thomas Thurston
Fabiana Villamor
Eric Walton
Jesse Weber
Jennifer Weise

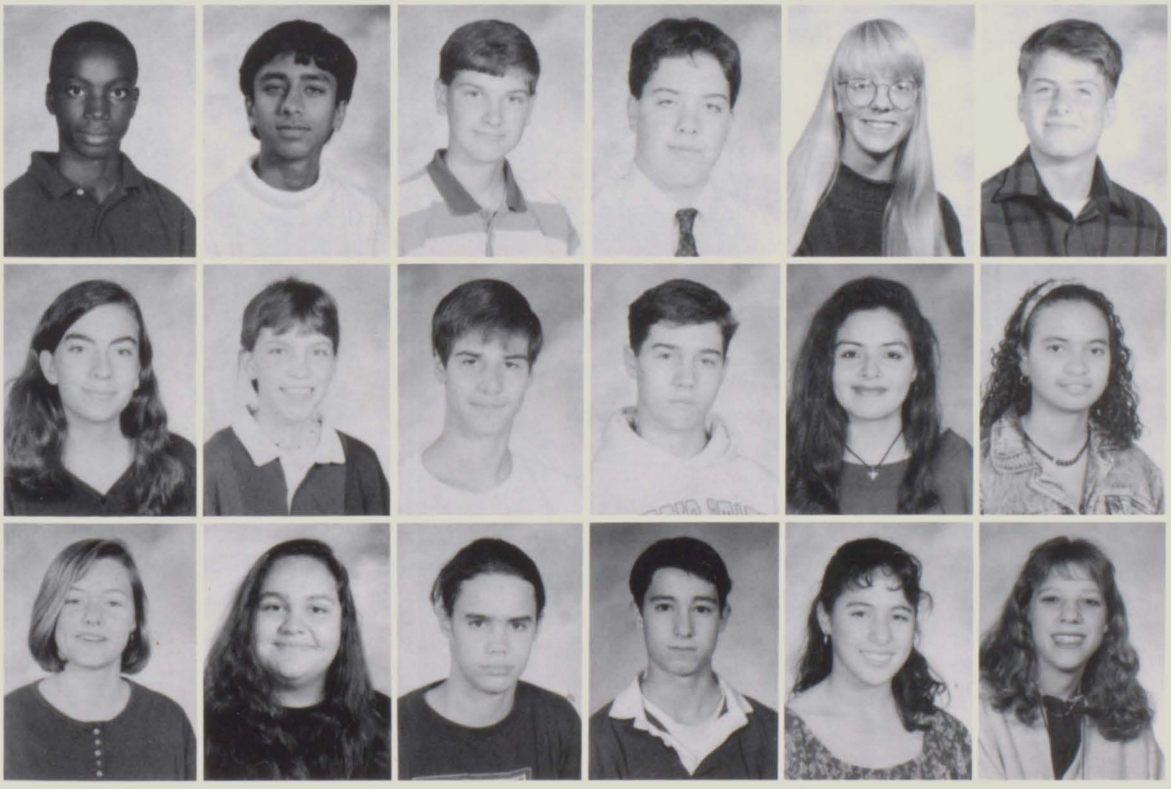
Daniel Wilcock
Danielle Yoder
Natalie Zelensky
Benjamin Ziskind

The Junior class at George Mason was constantly motivated by their teachers to do their very best. Often plagued by deadlines, the Juniors were usually writing, typing, thinking and pondering. Excitement could be sensed as the Juniors strove to live through the day.



Are We Clued In Yet?

"Wise fool" is what the word Sophomore means. Didn't the Class of 1996 live up to that definition? Nobody ever said that the second year of high school was going to be this intricate. Adventurous? Different? Whatever you'd call it, the Sophomores were ready for this new adventure given to them. They survived the first year, and they worked very hard to complete the second year. But the Sophomores finally have it figured out and are set to finish their high school years successfully.



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Robert Agarwal
Christian Arllen
Todd Austin
Erin Avots
William Bain

Lorraine Barrett
Meredith Bastian
Steven Birello
Isaac Blake
Johanna Bolanos
Margarita Bossa

Stacey Brown
Winona Camacho
Jonathan Cannon
David Chaves
Mary Jeanne Cincotta
Holly Clark

Let's hear all Sophomores yell:

G-M-H-S! G-M-H-S!

During Spirit Week the Sophomore class showed great spirit on pajama day, as well as the other chosen spirit days. Sophomores Glenda Lopez and Michelle Wilson were found talking in their classroom about how they pulled down the spirit meter during break. (They thought they knew the awesome Sophomores were going to win!) Coming in second at the end of the Spirit Week, the Sophomores showed the Juniors that next year they will have some pretty tough competition.

Claudia Crowell
Trung Cung
Kevin Curtin
Matthew Curtis
Franklin Day
Clara Della Queva

Jessie Domm
Katie Eichorn
Virginia Eichorn
Jody Fellows
Katia Fredriksen
Ilona Geller

Michael Greene
Natasha Haley
Jordan Hamory
Lucas Hardi
Heidi Harrington
Danielle Hoetmer

Sarah Jackson
Karen Kannapel
Jennifer Karro
Jade Kelley
Brian Kestell
Erica Knight

Christopher Koch
Andrew Lakes
Mary Lancaster
Chenita Lefort
Cassie Lewis
Zach Lewis

Anna Lofgren
Glenda Lopez
Kyra Lukomski
Christopher Lutz
Maria Maish
Damien Maree

Riyadh Mazumder
Christopher McCall
Timmy McCarthy
Caitlin McCommons
Erin McDonald
Nancy McElwain

Karina Mejia
Alexander Mejias
David Meng
Josh Menu-Orsinger
Joshua Merin
Rita Modelo

Julie Noone
Charles Noyes
Tate Pannabecker
Tracy Perry
Paige Phelps
Aaron Poff

Tucker Reals
Gregory Ristow
Darren Robertson
Alexandra Shalit
Greg Sharpe
Moonchol Shin

CLASS OF 1996: SOPHOMORES

Anne Sibert
Justin Snider
Karina Sorto
Katie Speir
Trevor Sweek
Victor Taylor

Sunrise Tippeconnic
Sarita Wade
John Waszilycsak
Donna Watson
Annie Weber
Martha Wells

Mary Whichard
Jennifer Williams
Michele Wilson
Riara Wilson
Jason Wippich
Margaret Wood

Peter Worrall

Right: AFTER THROWING CANS OF COKE into the Senior Lounge, Sophomore Matt O'Connor got what was coming to him from Senior Seth Kingsley. The Sophomore class will never learn.

Masaki Akiyama
Leslie Allen
Leigh Andrews
David Baer
Vanessa Barber
Karen Barrionuevo
Charissa Bautista

Paul Blodgett
Christian Blood
Delia Bolivar
Benjamin Bowers
Charles Bowers
Nora Brew
David Brock

Rachel Buckingham
Alison Burfield
Maria Campos
Andrea Caumont
Angela Clark
David Clark
Stephan Clayton

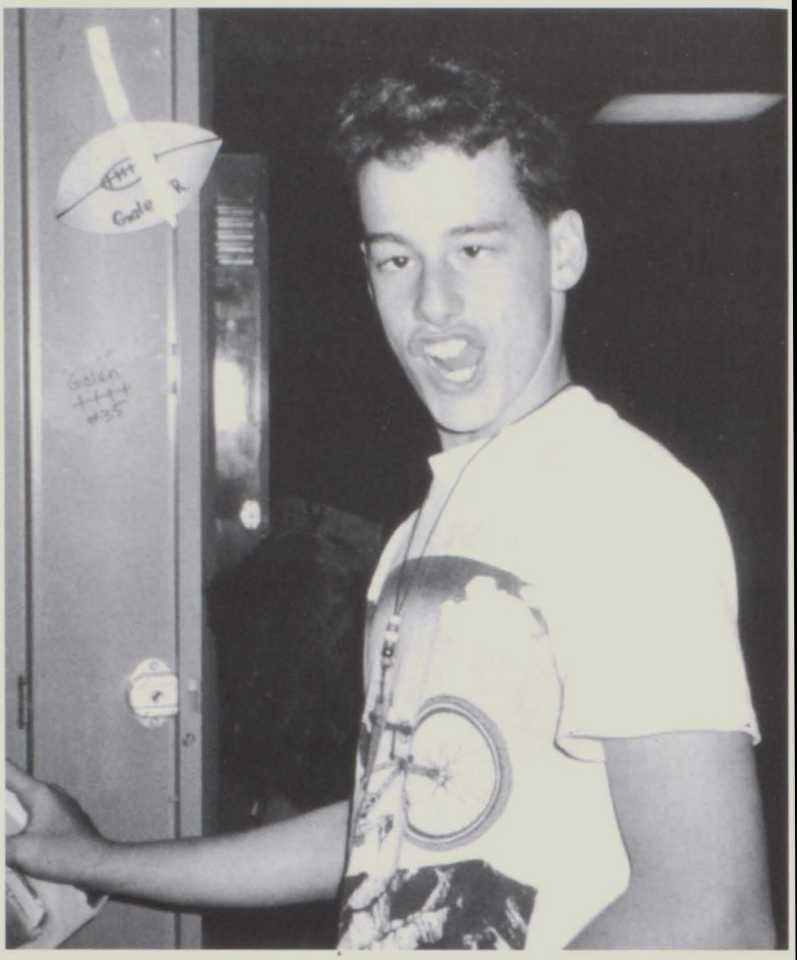
FRESHMEN

The high school was finally complete. The Class of 1997 arrived. As the largest class in the history of George Mason, the Freshmen were ready to take over.

The Class of 1997 knew exactly what to expect as they entered high school life. They were well prepared and ready to take on anything that came their way. With the many talents they possessed as a group, the Freshmen knew they would soon become number one! Their hard work and enthusiasm guaranteed success. They had a large variety of people, from athletes to musicians. Throughout the next few years, they will set a great example for the future freshmen classes at George Mason. They are full of spirit and pride for their class, and there is no telling what they will accomplish.

Show Your Spirit!

At first, we were intimidated. We seemed strange to the upperclassmen, but we really were a great group of people. This year's Freshmen class was very spirited. During Spirit Week the Class of 1997 had the spirit! Many came out to cheer on the Girls' Basketball team throughout the Homecoming Week. The Freshmen also were there to support their fellow Mustangs on Saturday, at the rainy Homecoming game. Their spirit continued throughout the year as many Freshmen played on the school's Fall, Winter and Spring sport's teams.



Noel Benitez
Jocelyn Cox
Jeffrey Crossley
Michelle Czirjak
Jason Daube
Christopher Day
Leslie Day

Daniel Degnan
Eric Deschamps
Robert Dickson
Jill Dodson
Robert Durham
Lucy Eckert
James Evans

Lorraine Evans
Madeline Farbman
Ian Feldman
Shariel Fernandez
Jason Ferrari
Jaimi Fitzgerald
Brian Friedman

Michael Good
Juan Granados
William Gross
Claire Grusin
Manish Gupta
Joshua Harrigan
Bethany Heller

Jason Hobbie
Michael Hutchinson
Michael Jackson
Edward Jordan
Patricia Jordan
Kareem Jorif
Kathleen Kannapel

Lindsay Knapp
Justin Knight
Alex Kogut
Margaret Khun
Lucinda Lake
Garlene Lansdown
Chun Lee

Jessica Lehman
Jon-Michael Lemon
Esther Lim
Anne Lincoln
Betsy Lopez
Samuel Lord
Joshua Marks

Jessica Martinez
Vanessa Matthews
Timothy McCabe
James Meenan
James Miller
Christopher Neil
Amy Nguyen

Stephen O'Conner
Christina Pagano
Andrew Perlman
James Pettey
Tuyen Pham
Dennis Picard
Meagan Pierce

Robert Polzer
Galen Reich
Anna Resnick
Benjamin Reynolds
Joseph Ripley
Amanda Rogers
Andrea Roman

Sarah Romer
Stacy Rosholt
Lee Salazar
Samah Salman
Amanda Schwab
Zachary Seidenberg
Elizabeth Sprague

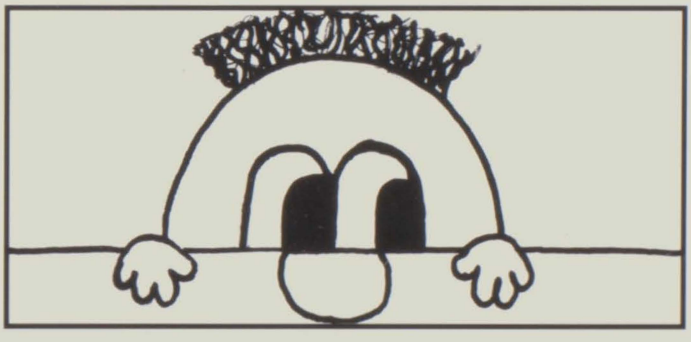
CLASS OF 1997: FRESHMEN

Richard Stanton
Aubrey Stoffel
Samuel Stotts
Laura Sweeney
Phat Tchen
Brittany Templer
Corin Turner

Simon Van Steyn
Jose Umanzor
Kathryn Volpe
Daniel Walters
Megan Washam
Edward Wiant
Stefanie Williams

Joshua Wilson
Michael Worrall
Gabriela Yaselli
Elisabeth Yates
Susan Yates

GOTCHA!



There are times when we want to bury our selves underground. When we fall down, trip, or our zipper's open, are just a few mild examples. We all have embarrassing moments. The best thing about these moments are that we get a big laugh out of them, AFTER we've recovered from the shock. Fortunately, we have crazed yearbook staffers, who wittingly record these moments for posterity. It is amazing how the human face is capable of accomplishing so MANY faces. Fortunately, there is an "Embarrassing Moments" section in the Yearbook that captures our most precious memories FOREVER!

They Work Here!

Erin Albright
James Amacher
Marilyn Anderson
Eileen Backofen
Tamara Ballou
Renata Beck
Terry Brownfield

Carol Cash
Bridget Dean
Georganne Dorsch
Carol Fellman
Paul Ferentinos
Mark Fredenburg
Rochelle Friedman

Jack Gambill
Diane Harrington
Lida Hawk
Eleanor Hawkesworth
Ellen Hayes
Jinhai He
Kathy Hersey

Lindy Hockenberry
Michael Hoover
Linda Johnsen
Sandra Johnson
Sue Jurey
Nancy Katz
Judy Knoke

Alan Krueger
Clark Lindgren
Phillip Lindsey
Michael Malone
Nancy Mattran
Lori McConnell
Matt McGlade

Alison McNeill
Gail Meighan
John Moroney
Sharon Newcome
J.D. Nichols
Vincent Nola
Gail Nolan

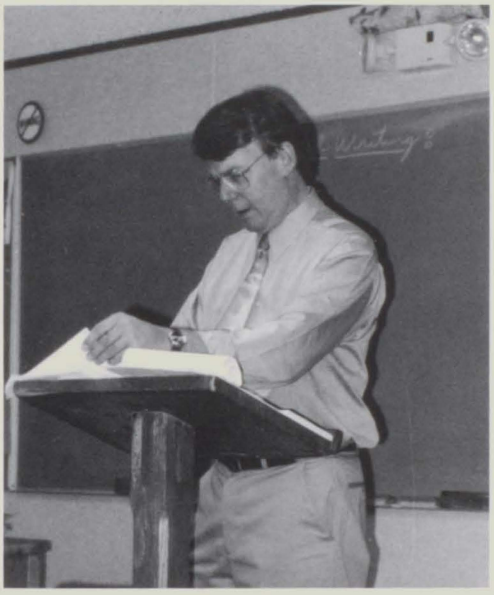
Maria-Teresa O'Connell
Bob Palermo
Sandra Patricio
Richard Peloquin
Betty Pitera
Debra Reske
Grace Risetto

Sally Rosholt
Jan Ruhl
Pat Ryan
Georgette Schaefer
Frank Sheedy
Mary Sheperd
Harry Shovlin

Robert Snee

Marjory Speir
James Spiridopolous
Anne-Marie Storm
Janet Suleske
Andy Taylor
Carol Timpson
Don Toliaferro

Maurean Truncale
Nancy Tucker
Cheryl Urbanczyk
Craig Veazie
Polly Vella
Cynthia Winstead
Cy Young

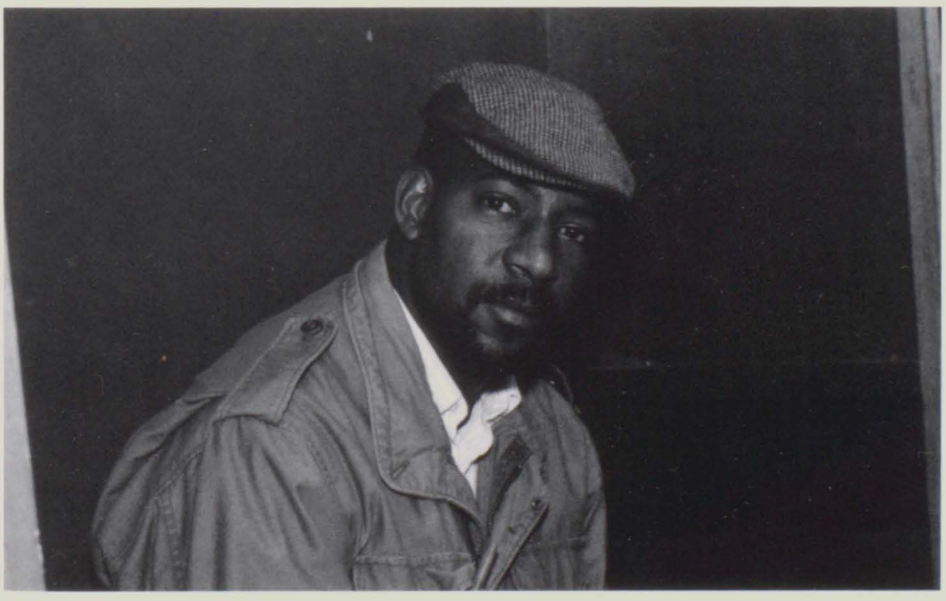


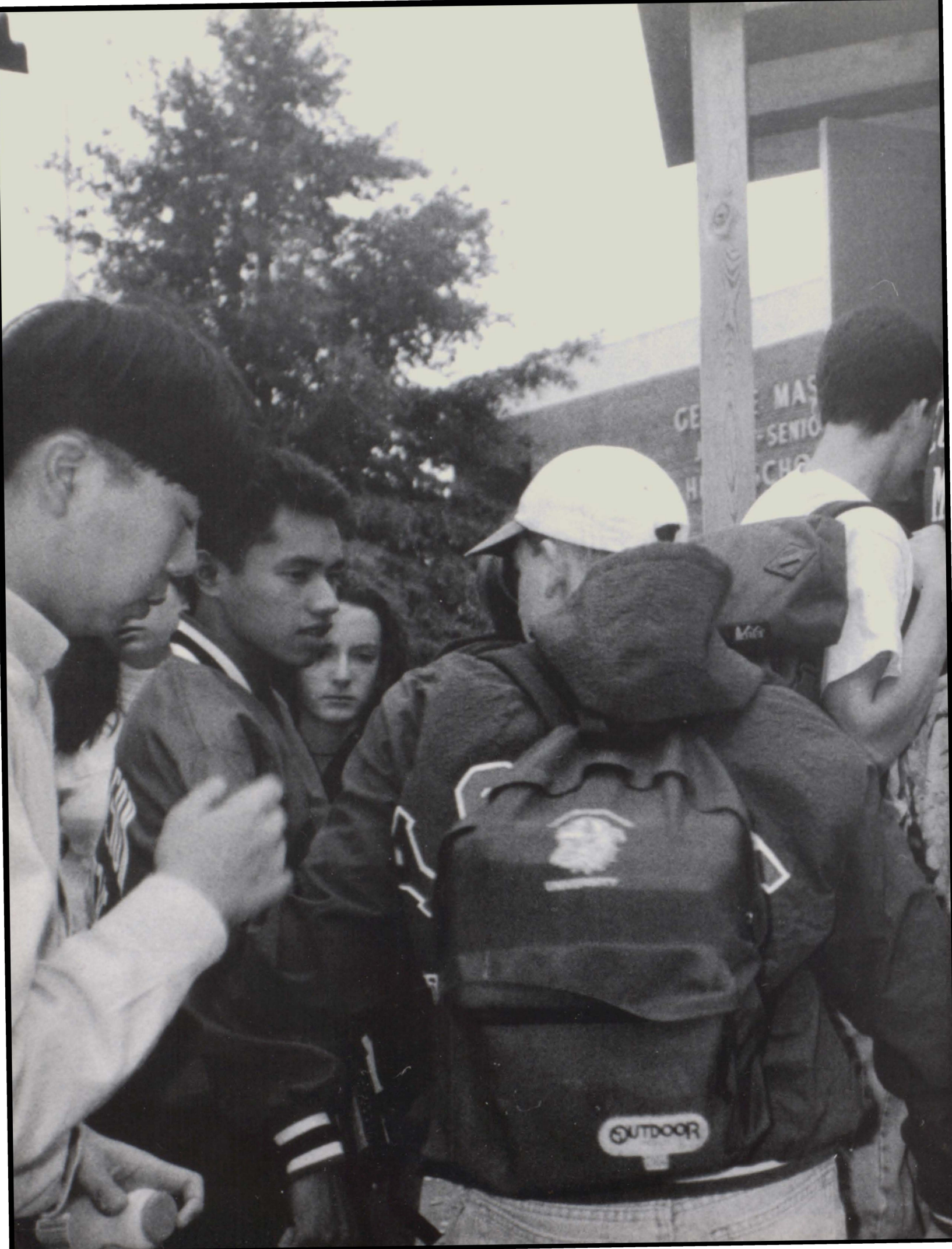
Committed Educators

The Faculty may be seen as the core of George Mason. They were what made the school go 'round. They worked long, hard hours on teaching, counseling, filing, and correcting papers all contributing to the whole of George Mason.

The Faculty came from all facets and brought with them knowledge and expertise. They all worked together to make student life a little bit easier and more practical by being flexible, and becoming more involved with student life.

One could say that the Faculty are like parents who are a part of the big, happy family at George Mason.

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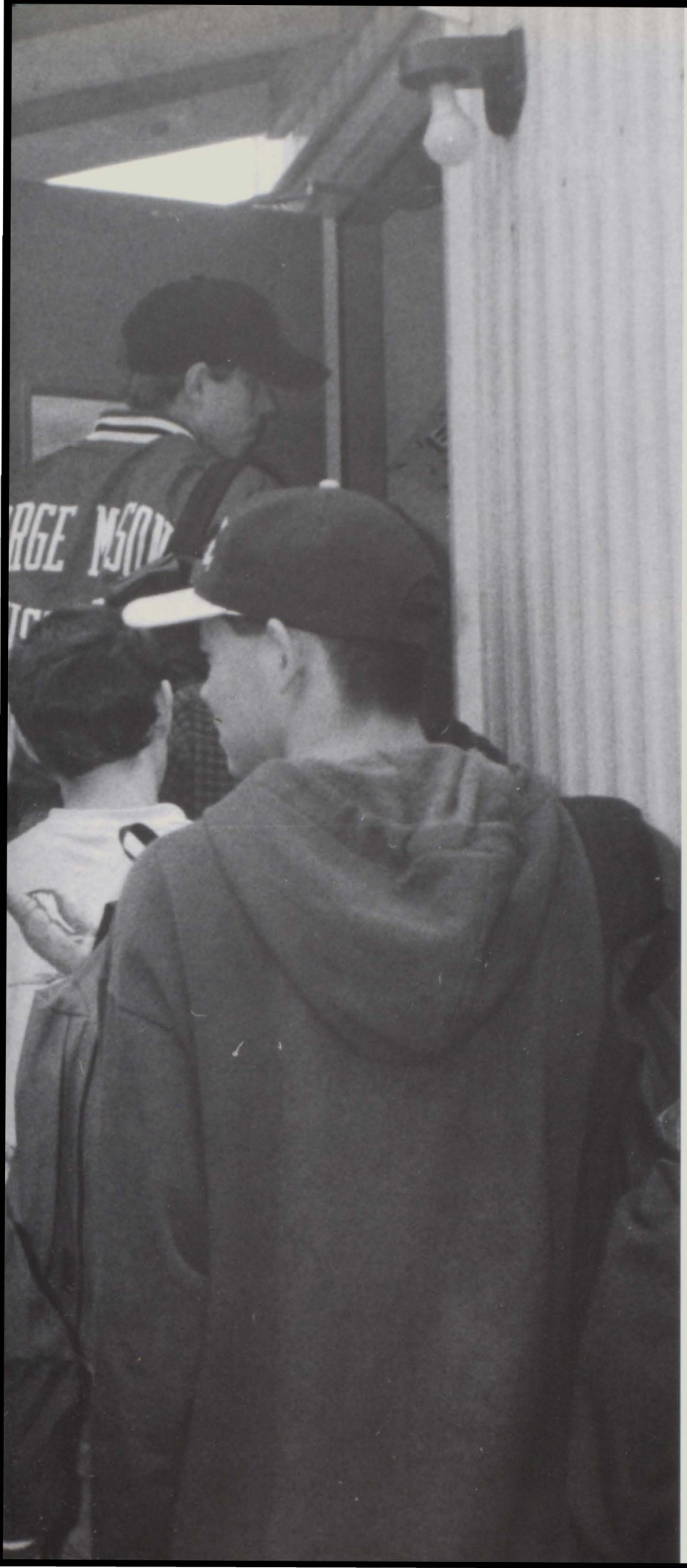
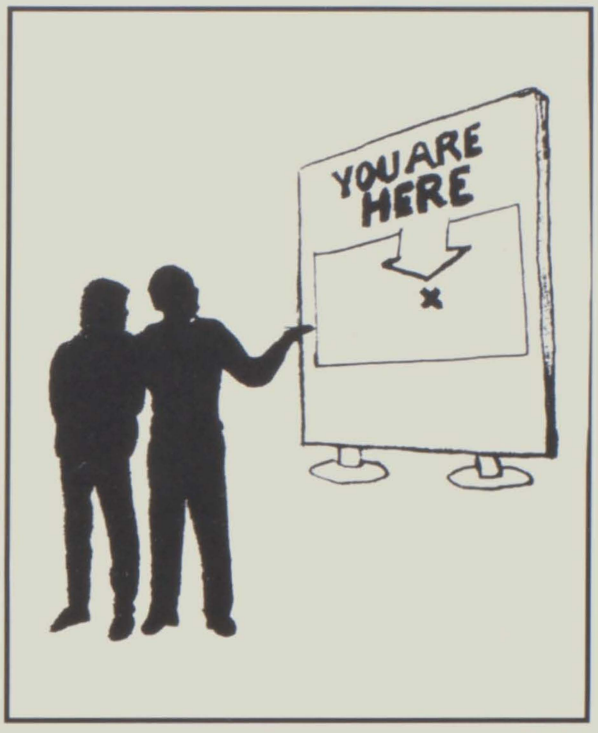
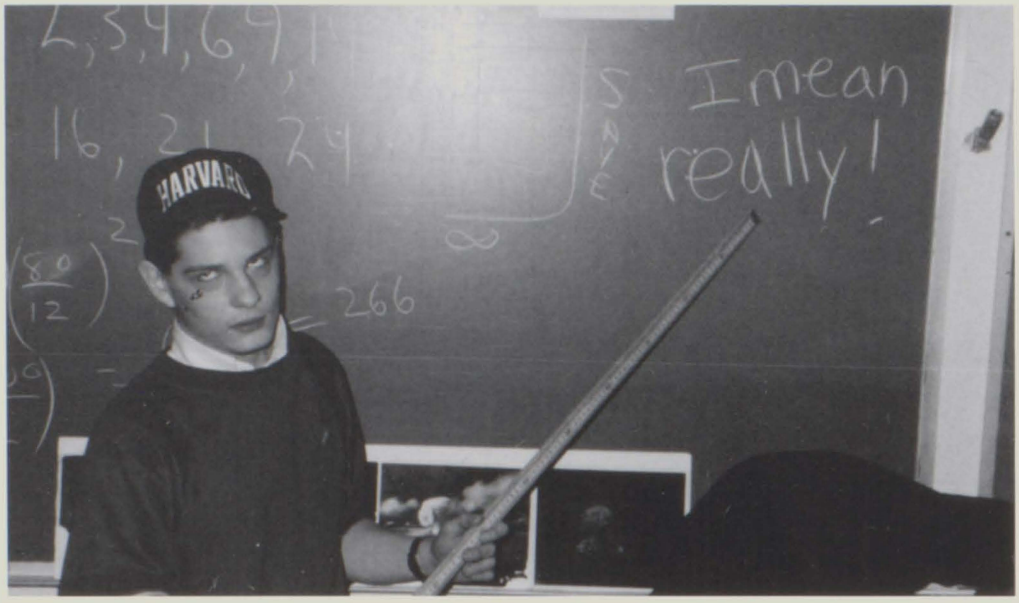




The REAL reason we labored 7 hours a day, 5 times a week, 20 (more or less) days a month, 9 months a year, was to learn. But at George Mason learning wasn't a chore. It was a responsibility we chose to accept. Rising to the occasion, and meeting the challenge by utilizing our talents and abilities. And in the end, our work brought success. WE ACHIEVED HERE!

Below: "SOME PEOPLE!" exclaims Junior Eugene Simopoulos during Dr. Robertson's I.B. Physics class. Eugene indicates his disbelief and disgust by making a face for the whole class to see.

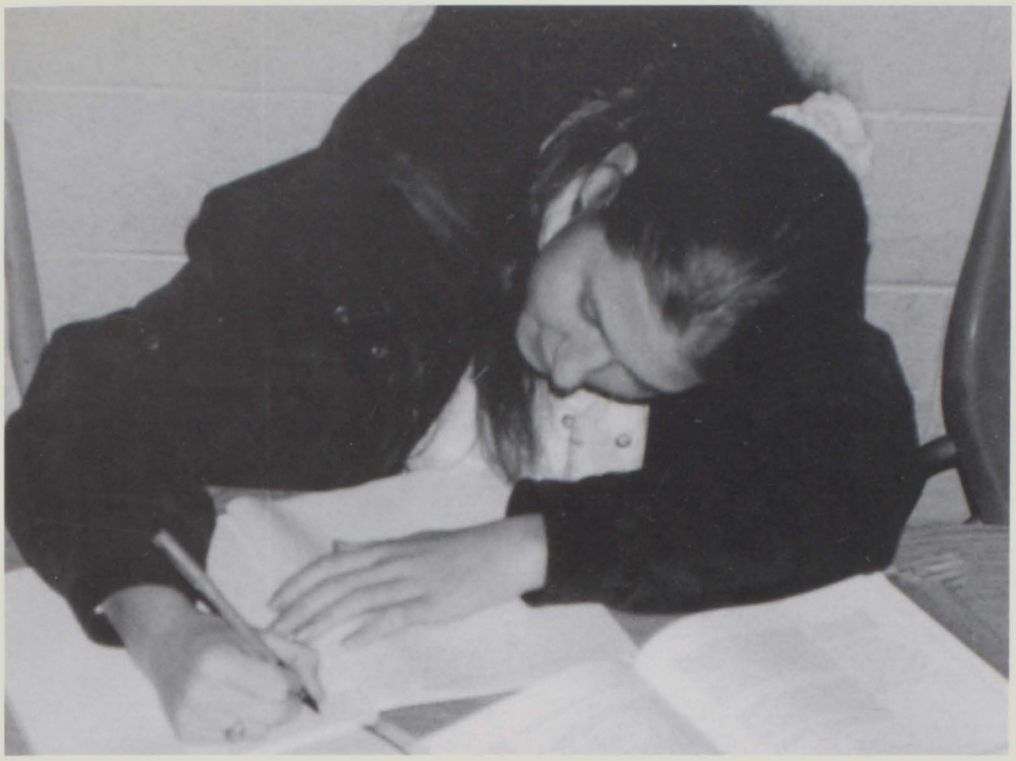


Right: TRYING TO FOCUS and fight off fatigue, Junior Fabiana Villamor diligently takes notes during Mr. Fredenburg's Chemistry class.

Science: Hands On

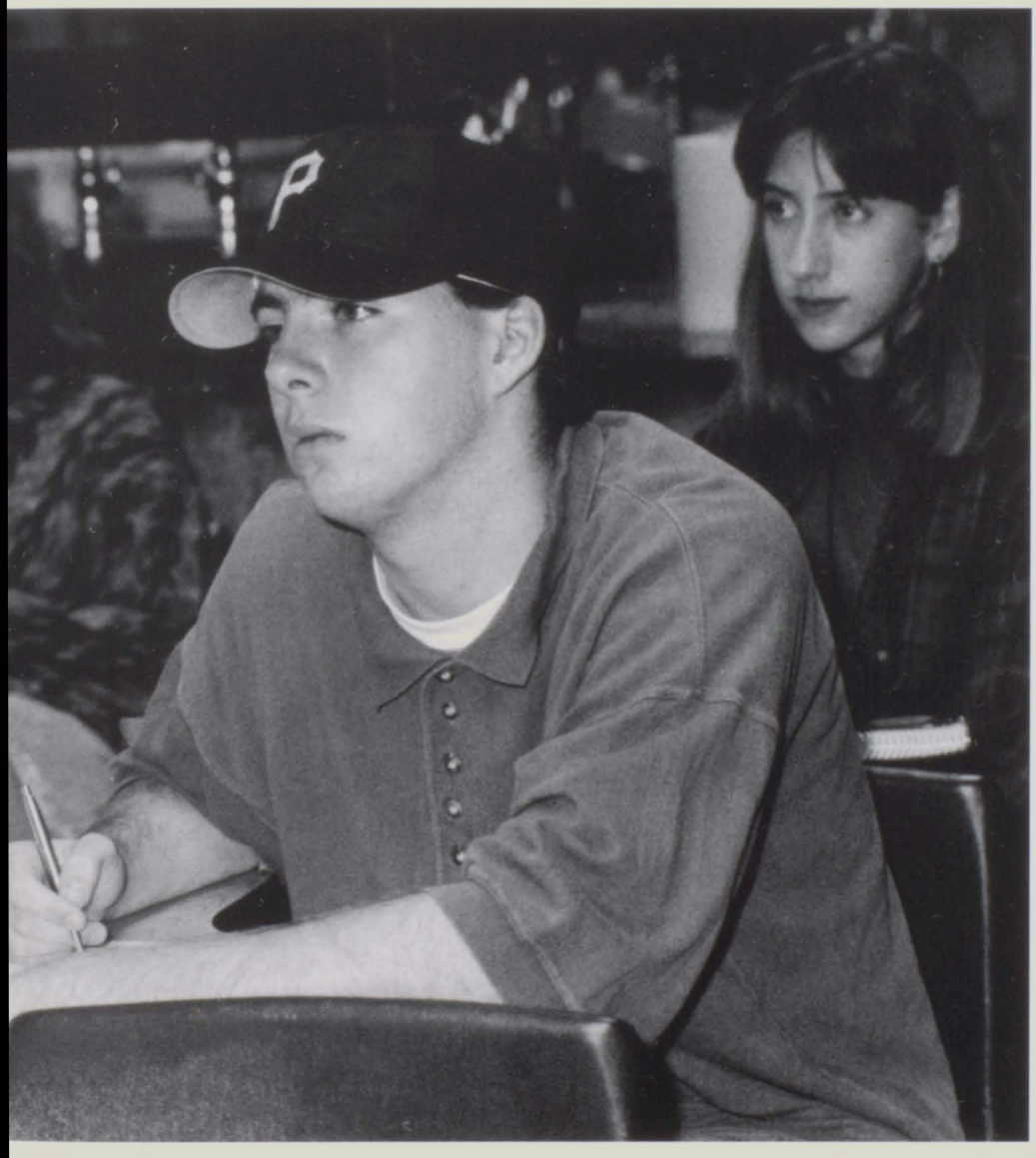
Despite George Mason's lack of technology, as compared to other schools, students were able to get a rich scientific education. Whether they were studying organisms with Mr. Krueger, taking notes from Mr. Fred, or investigating projectile motion with Dr. Robertson, Mason students were making discoveries and learning new concepts.

Though they may have seemed tedious at times, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science were what allowed us to develop technology. Think about that before you decide to catch a few "Z's" is Science class!



Left: STUDYING TAKES up a lot of space. Junior Caroline Ferrebee proves this to us during her Physics class.

Below: UPPER CLASSMEN struggle to understand the concepts of Physics.



Above: AMEOBAS CAN BE INTERESTING, as Freshman David Clark discovers while looking through his microscope.

Left: REVIEWING FOR TEST DAY, Senior Michael Wells concentrates on Mr. Fred's lecture. The only way to understand Chemistry is to practice it and apply it to real life situations.

Below: MAKING A FACE at the camera, Mr. Moroney breaks up the anxiety of another busy day in the Guidance office.

Above: STILL GOING! Nothing stops the receptionist, Ms. Graham. Known for her gentle personality, Ms. Graham is loved by one and all!

Left: TAKING A BREAK from her hectic schedule, Mrs. Rosholt pauses just outside her office doorway. Even though Mrs. Rosholt was busy, she still found time to give motherly advice to all who needed or wanted it!

Below: IN A CLASSIC Guidance Counselor POSE, Mr. Moroney talks with Freshman Robert Dickson about making his schedule

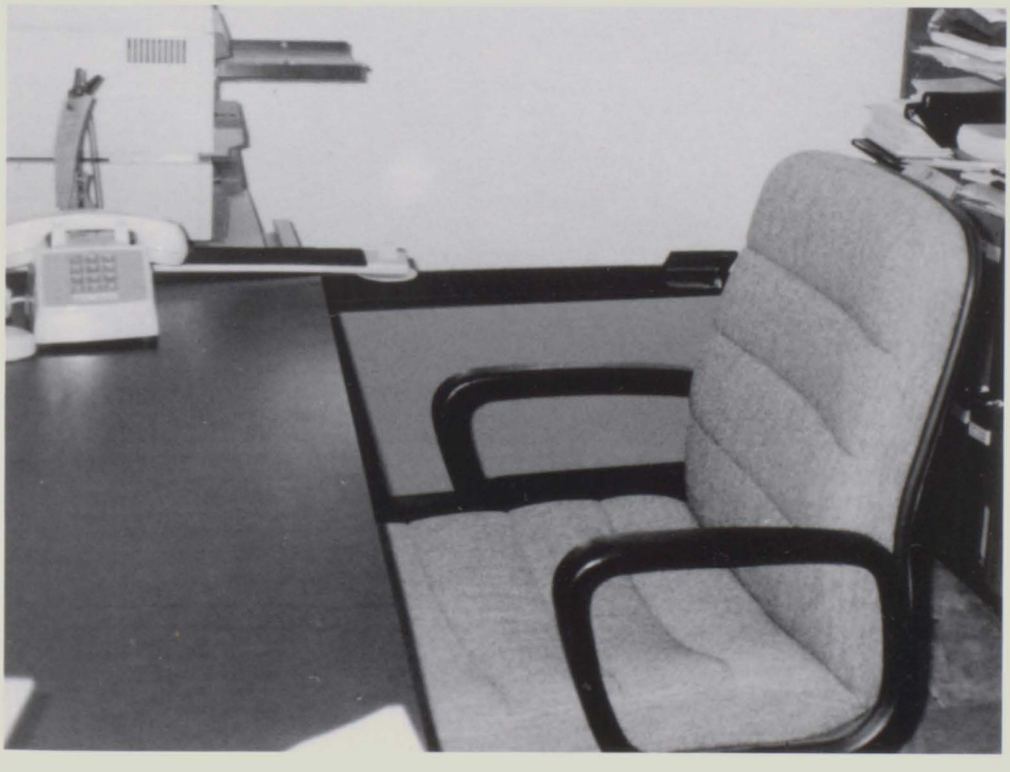
GUIDANCE: A Vital Network

As we all know, our school had two hard-working individuals who were in charge of all of our academic lives. Mr. John Moroney and Mrs. Marilyn Anderson counseled us, planned our schedule and represented to the rest of the faculty that the main task of guidance was to counsel. They spent 66% of their time with students; a majority of the other 34% was spent doing loads of paperwork.

Their goal was to help students become good decision-makers through choosing their classes, taking achievement tests, and getting involved in programs around the school. Our guidance counselors also helped with difficulties students had with their teachers.

"It is the best job in the school!" exclaimed Mrs. Anderson. "This job requires cooperative collaborative work between both counselors," said Mr. Moroney.

Because of the small size of our school, the counselors were very involved with the students lives and were greatly appreciated by all the students and faculty.



Left: IN A RARE MOMENT, Mrs. Anderson's desk is found unoccupied. As one of our precios two Guidance Counselors, Marilyn Anderson spends the majority of her day at this desk talking to students, or doing paperwork.

Below: DISPOSING THE LITTER, Vernon works diligently to complete his never ending task. As long as there are people living on Earth, there will be trash to take care of .

Right: PREPARING FOR LUNCH, Ms. Clara Loza, a Food Service Staff member, makes the a-la-carte sandwiches we eat everyday.

Gettin' Down And Dirty!

We all knew who Custodians were. They were the ones who cleaned up the school. In the midst of the renovation, the school appeared to be in a permanently dilapidated state, and one might have thought that the Custodians were not doing their job. This, of course, was not the case. There were so many things to be attended to all over the school, (rain water dripping from the ceilings, graffiti in the bathrooms, toilets overflowing, etc.) and our diligent Custodians could not be everywhere at once.

There was one Custodian that always seemed to be mopping the hallways we walked through. In fact, the Custodial Staff had to work twice as hard this year to keep our learning environment clean because the renovation created so much dust. It most certainly was a difficult job this year, but we all know it was a job well done.

Working Hard At Something New

This year our cafeteria food service system was changed drastically. Instead of hot meals, we had a- la-carte items, and vending machines. There was also an electronic lunch credit system for us. This all created a change in the way our Food Service Staff had to work. The competent and friendly staff had to work even harder to keep the trays of food and the vending machines full. Not to mention dealing with complaints and the general chaos created by the masses of students that filled each lunch period. These women deserve our appreciation, and thanks, for a tough job well done.

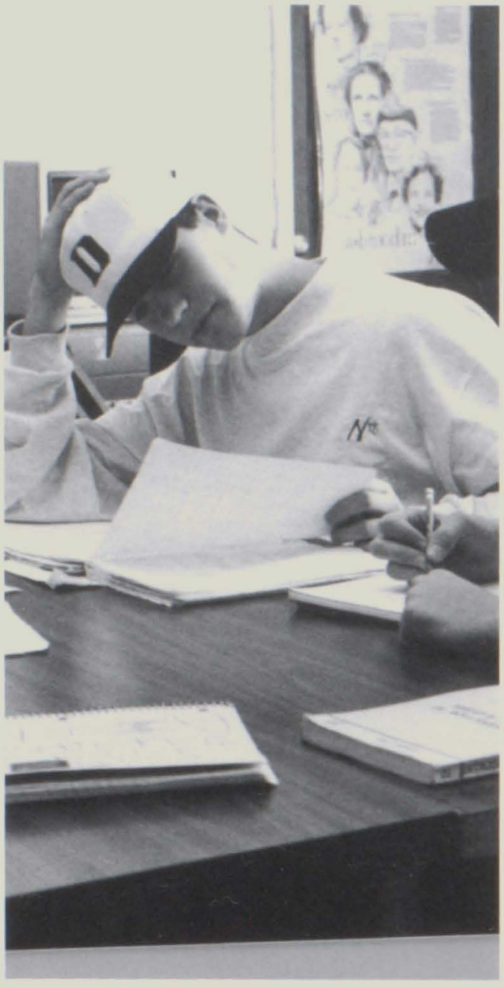
Left: PLANNING AHEAD, the Food Service Staff's Supervisor, Mrs. Kay Kennedy, balances her monthly budget.

Below: PAUSING TO BREATHE the fresh, cool, fall air, is Eduardo, the name we all know him by. Whenever there is a problem, Eduardo is on his way to fix it.

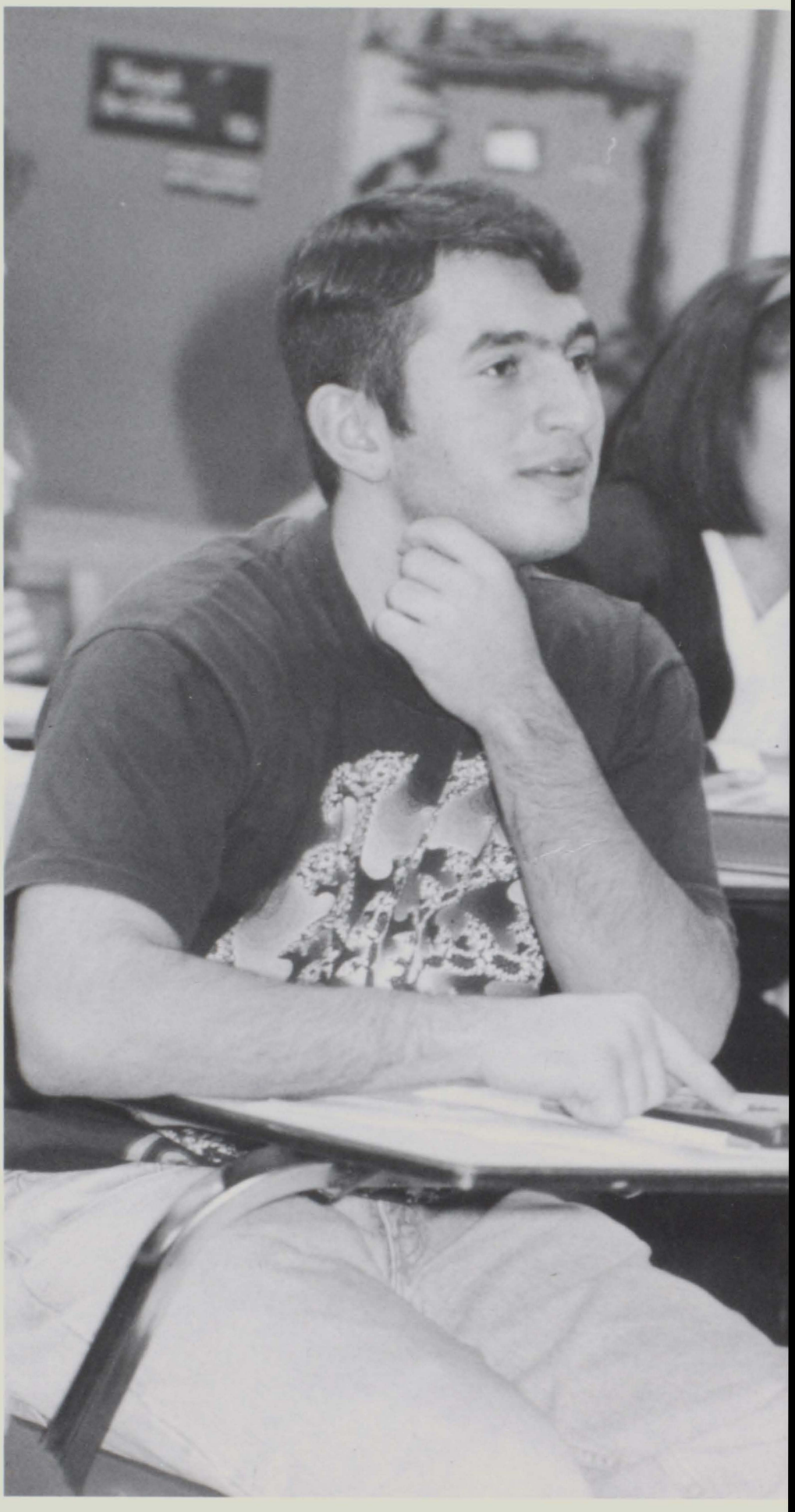
Above: ARRIVING FOR WORK before many students have arrived at school, Ms. Kay Coady begins preparing the food for the day.

Left: UNLOADING THE BLUE VAN for yet another assembly in the gym, the Custodial Staff tries to comply with the reconstruction situation.

Below: SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION, Senior Lars Howlett carefully rereads his IB Math notes that he took in class.



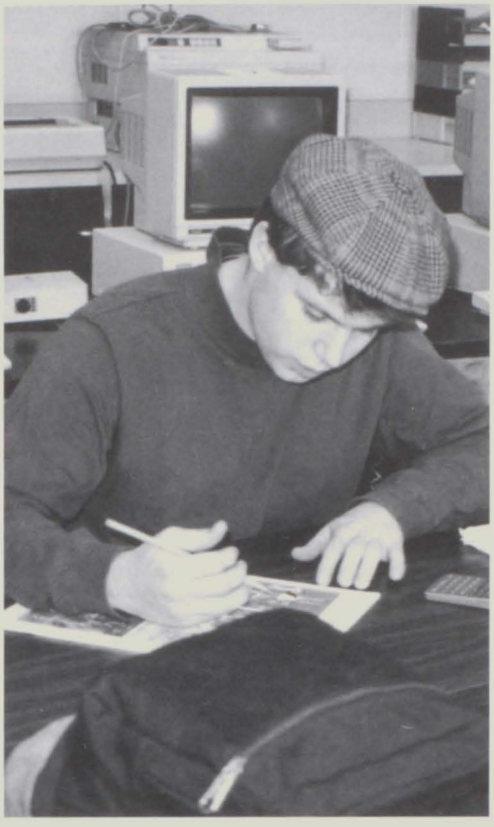
Above: HURRYING TO FINISH his homework before the bell rings, Senior Al Suarez takes advantage of the extra time at the end of class. (Unfortunately, Al was finishing his math homework for his IB Finite Math class in Functions! And we thought homework was for HOME, Al!)



Left: MATH IN ENGLISH CLASS?! Yes! Math is a part of our daily lives. In his Senior English class, Mike Mohajeri calculates percentages for Mr. Hoover. At the end of the year, Mr. Hoover takes time to teach his Senior students everything they will need to know in the "Real World."

Below: TAKING A BRIEF BREAK from his IB Math work, Senior Eddie Anderson peruses the Lasso Newspaper.

It WILL Come in Handy . . . Someday



"MATH, MATH, MATH!!" the students chant. Ringing from the corridors comes the happy cry, "WE WANT MATH!" As the bell rings, ending class, the students beg for more.

This is an unfamiliar scene at any normal high school. Students groan at the thought of entering the classroom and beginning another boring fifty minutes of math. But at our school things are different. Although math isn't one of the most well-liked subjects, students are energized to learn by the math department's leader: Mrs. Janet Weber. She makes learning fun. The staff consists of the enthusiastic math teachers Mrs. Ciciarelli, Mrs. Knoke, and Mrs. Morris.

The math classes here at George Mason provide the students with the necessary fundamentals needed to survive once they enter the "real world." It provides the foundation of logic and study necessary in all walks of life. So, maybe our school will never be overly enthusiastic, but the students are motivated to do well and learn about the exciting world of mathematics.

Left: OVERJOYED AT SUCCESSFULLY SOLVING A DIFFICULT PROBLEM, Juniors Caroline Ferrebee, Ben Ziskind, Rick Soong, and Sophomore Lorraine Barrett double check their calculators.

Below: THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, Mrs. Carol Cash takes a phone call in her yet-to-be-renovated office.

Right: KEYS AND COMPUTER IN HAND, Assistant Principal Carol Cash prepares to leave school for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Dedicated to Difficult Tasks

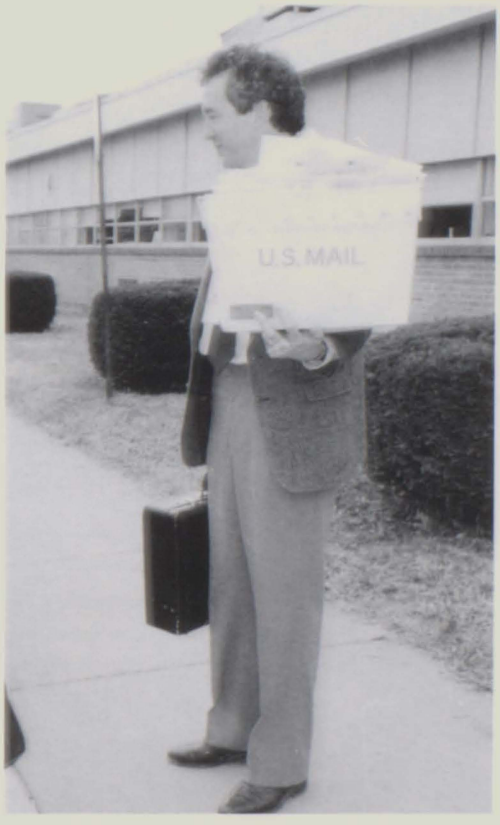
If you think your days are busy, you haven't talked to Mr. Snee or Dr. Cash lately. When Mr. Snee was asked what his main goal was each day, he replied, "To survive. Not just my own survival, but everyone else's." Mr. Snee works very closely with the superintendent of construction. The safety, comfort, and future of George Mason depends upon the time they spend together. Mr. Snee faces many difficult challenges throughout the course of the day. It is very hard to always do the best thing for everyone, keeping in mind that each person has a different opinion or desire.

Dr. Cash takes her job very seriously. In one day she talks to students about their behavior, patrols the cafeteria, holds conferences with parents, observes classes, and hopefully finds time for lunch. Dr. Cash thinks the hardest thing about her job is when she thinks a student has made a positive change, then realizes that he hasn't and she has to discipline him.

The lives of Mr. Snee and Dr. Cash are certainly not all work and no play. Like many of us, Dr. Cash enjoys water sports. She also used to enjoy shopping, but she claims she no longer has time for it. Mr. Snee enjoys playing with his children. He also finds time for reading and jogging. Mr. Snee has participated in a couple of marathons and hopes to do more. Both Mr. Snee and Dr. Cash are big contributers to our school and education and they plan to help our school become the best it has ever been.

Left: MUG IN HAND, Mr. Snee's secretary, Mrs. Pat Ryan, takes a brief tea break between typing memos and relaying messages.

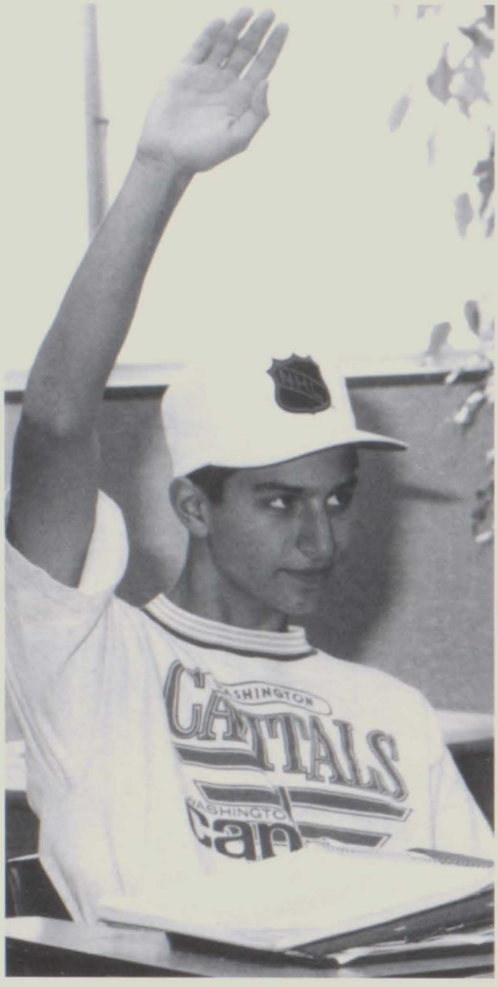
Below: READING A LETTER, Mr. Robert Snee takes time out to carefully consider what everyone has to say. As the Principal of George Mason, Mr. Snee has to know how to delegate and make good decisions. These decisions affect everyone in the school community.



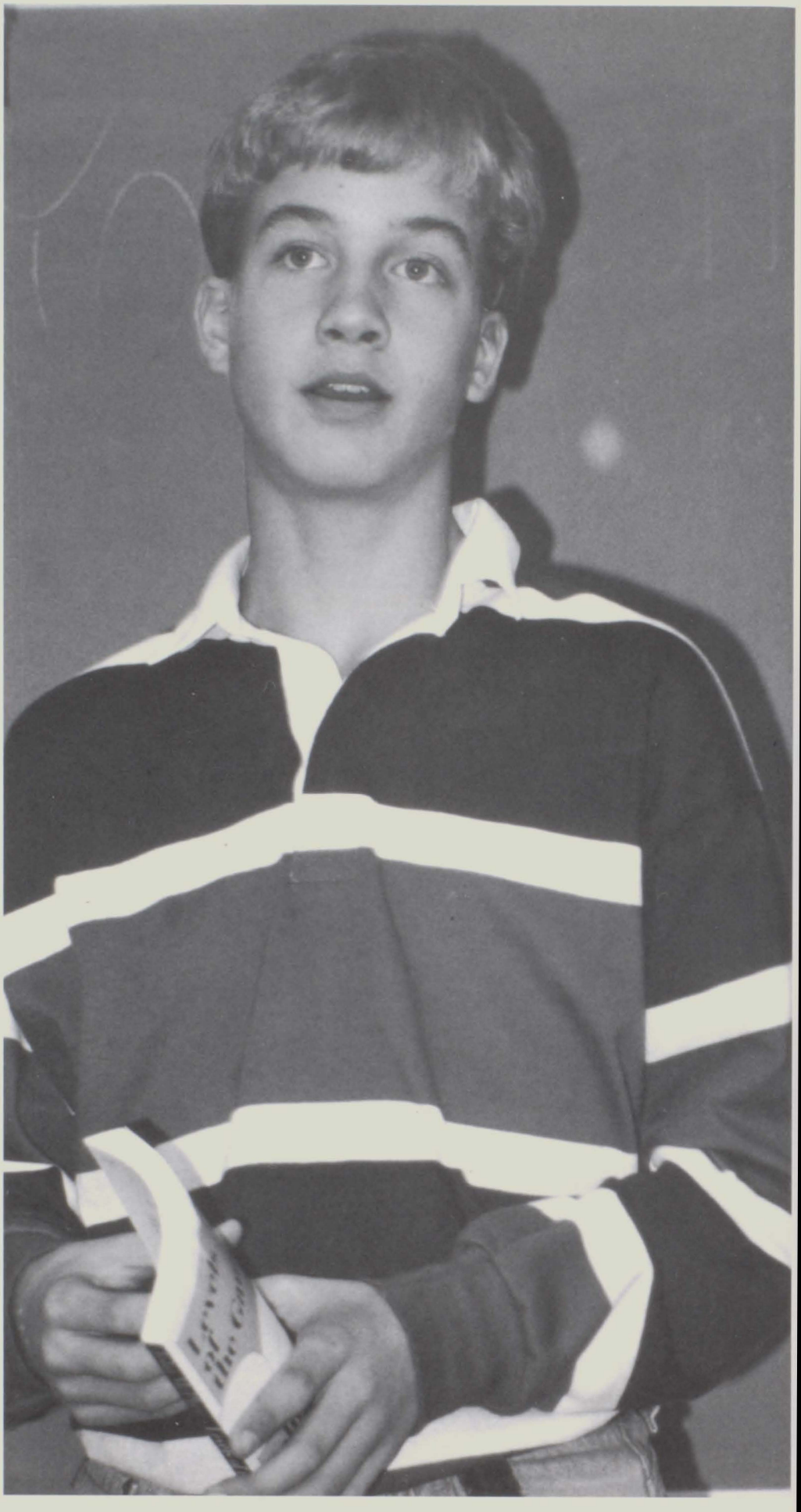
Above: HIS WORK IS NEVER FINISHED! Even on the weekend, Mr. Snee still has loads of paperwork to do. What a busy guy!

Left: LOOKING UP FROM HER PAPERWORK, Mrs. Margie Speir, secretary to the assistant principal, flashes a bright smile.

Below: WAITING TO SAY something brilliant, Freshman Josh Marks raises his hand high during Ms. Tucker's English class.



Above: CAPTIVATED BY MR. HOOVER'S ACTIONS, Senior Trung Nguyen tries to analyze what Mr. Hoover is saying. Mr. Hoover tells his students that unless the work is challenging, it won't do any good.



Where Would We Be Without ENGLISH?

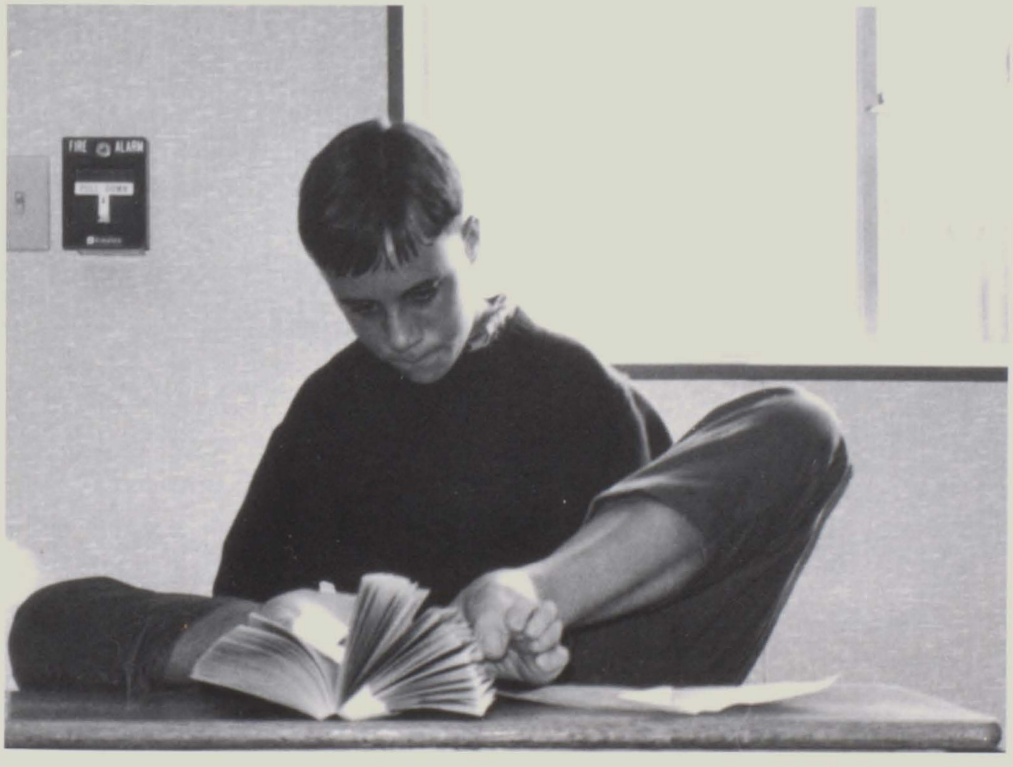
Left: ALTHOUGH HE IS a little nervous, Freshman Danny Degnan presents his oral presentation to the class.

Below: WARMING UP for Mrs. Meighan's IBH English class, Junior Cassandra Pagano flashes a smile.

"Mr. Hoover is the awesomest thing," said one enthusiastic Senior. George Mason is known for its strong English department, as is demonstrated by the success of the students. Mr. Hoover, Ms. Dean, Ms. Tucker, and Mrs. Meighan make up the winning team of English teachers. Students studied everything from grammar rules to world literature; they were quizzed on topics varying from SAT vocabulary words to the works of Sophocles.

The students also plowed their way through essays, presentations, group projects, and term papers. The creative juices never ceased to flow.

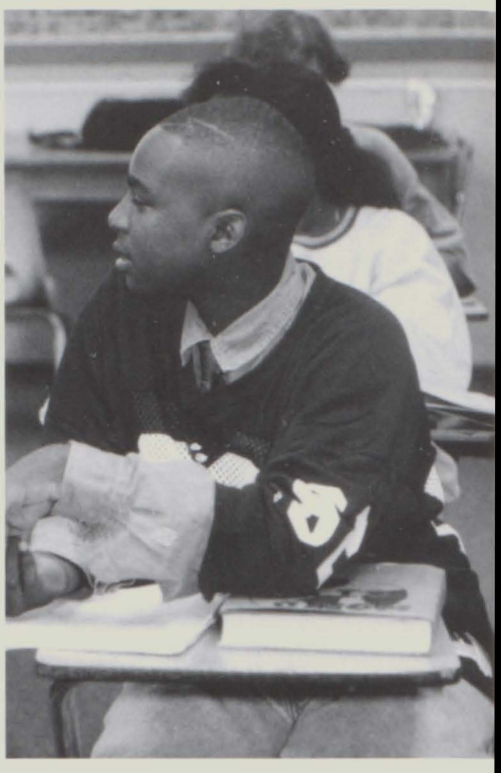
The students tromped through the rain, sleet, and hail to their much loved English classes in the trailers. When finally inside, one was allowed a nice recess from the cold and damp atmosphere of the main building.



Left: SEARCHING FRANTICALLY to find his reading passage, Freshman Tim McCabe continues writing his book report.

Below: THE COLONIZATION OF AMERICA always proves to be a good discussion topic in IBH History. Natasha Zelensky's insightful ideas are listened to and considered by her groupmates Michael Murchie, Joe Conaty, and Emily Farbman.

Right: JUST WAITING to take some notes, Freshman Sam Stotts listens to Mrs. Hawkesworth in World Civilization.

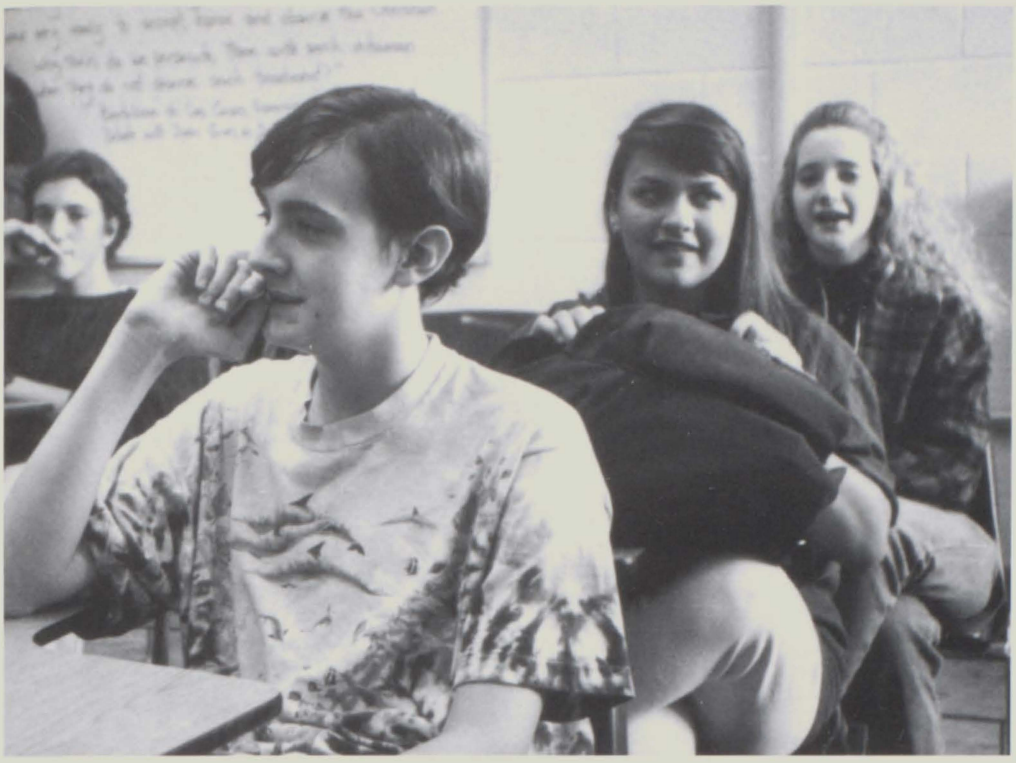


Social Studies

History in the Making

Social Studies: which was more fun--the subject or the teacher? It was social studies classes such as Ms. Nolan's that taught us how to analyze "relevant" data to discover new ideas. Said Senior Calvin Wills, "Some people think of history as a collection of facts, but it's really the themes in history that teach us about life." Senior Eddie Anderson said, "Anthropology is exciting because it's a unique combination of science and history." The Freshmen who were new to the High School this year were at first overwhelmed by Mrs. Hawkesworth. As the year progressed, Mrs. Hawkesworth became one of their favorite teachers.

The Social Studies Department was excellent this year at George Mason, thanks to the dedicated faculty we have here.



Left: EXCITED TO LEARN more about primate divisions, Juniors Eric Rosenberger, Sara Baldino, and Jessica Temeles await some words from the illustrious Ms. Nolan.

Below: FRESH GARBAGE gets Senior Milica Strbac's attention during an important anthropological study.

Above: CLEARLY IMPRESSED by his students' findings, Anthropology teacher Mr. Young points to a "specimen."

Left: SIMULTANEOUSLY taking notes and listening is an essential part of being a good Government student, as Sophomore Tracy Perry demonstrates.

Below: ENTHUSIASTIC AS ALWAYS, Spanish teacher Mr. Nichols leads the class in a song.

Above: IGNORING THEIR BOOKS in Madame Johnsen's IB French class, Seniors Alexandra Dooling and Julia Love chat.

Left: SENIOR LARS HOWLETT anxiously awaits to be called on in Mr. Nichols' Spanish class.

Below: JUNIOR TRENT TEMPLER demonstrates his superior organization skills as he diligently takes down the days' assignment for Senora Beck's Spanish IV class.

Foreign Languages

Spoken Differently

Ici, il y avait deux choix en suivre une langue etrangere: le francais ou l'espagnol. L'etude d'une langue etrangere etait passionnant parce qu'il donnait aux etudiants un repos de parler anglais tout le temps. Cela leur a permis d'elargir leur horizons un peu. Si on n'a pas trouve le grammaire trop ennuyeux, la classe de francais ou d'espagnol etait amusant!

En esta escuela, hay dos escogidos en estudiar una lengua extranjera: el frances o el espanol. Estudiando una lengua extranjera es muy entusiasmado porque da a los estudiantes una oportunidad hablar en una lengua otra que el ingles. Para ellos quien no encuentran la gramatica tan aburrida, las clases de frances y espanol son muy divertidas y impresionantes.

Translation:

In this school, there were two choices for taking a foreign language: French or Spanish. Studying a foreign language was exciting because it gave students a rest from speaking English all the time. It also allowed them to broaden their horizons a bit. For those who didn't find the grammar too boring, French or Spanish class was a lot of fun!

Left: SISTERS Patricia and Vanessa Matthews discuss an oral presentation for Madame Johnsen's French IV class.

Below: WHEN HE'S NOT LEARNING English grammar from Mrs. Rissetto, Freshman Tuyen Pham, from Vietnam, enjoys painting in Art class.

Right: WHILE PLAYING an American Literature game, Freshman Gabriela Vaselli takes a moment to think of the right answer.

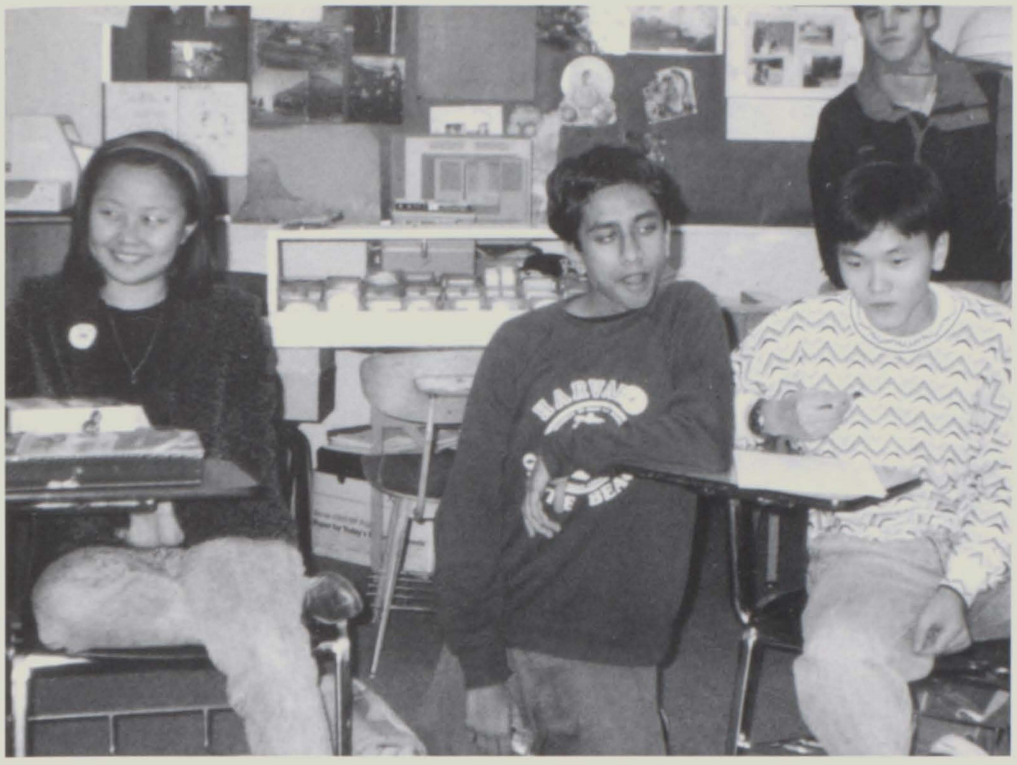
English as a Second Language

Learning A New Language

Studying English grammar, reading world literature, learning about U.S. government, and keeping journals were all a part of E. S. L. Students in Mrs. Risetto's class came from many different countries in Asia, Central and South America, and Europe. In class, they spoke and wrote only in English. Every Thursday, students shared with each other their experiences from when they first came to the United States. They compared it to what their lives are like now.

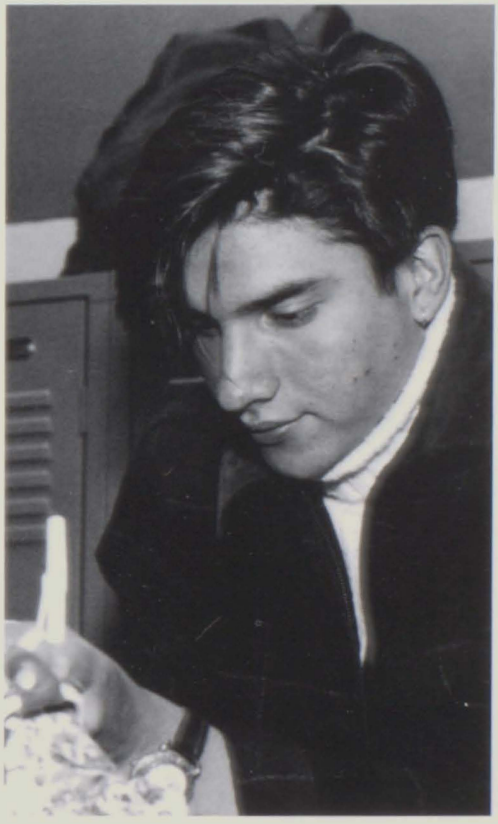
Not only did E. S. L. students learn English, but they also learned about the United States' government and laws from Mrs. Vella. They learned a lot by reading from newspapers and books.

E. S. L. students were very active at George Mason. Many of them were good friends, and Mrs. Rissetto was like a mother to all. But, they also had good friends outside of their class.



Left: AT AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB MEETING, Senior Young Lee, Junior Leon Ong, both E.S.L. students, and Robert Agarwal brainstorm ideas for club activities.

Below: E.S.L. STUDENT Chun Lee is an active participant in the International Club.



Above: EXCHANGE STUDENT Yeyo Gomez, from Argentina, copies down the day's homework assignments.

Left: AT AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB PICNIC, Freshman Chun Lee, G.M. graduate Angelica Fuentes, and Senior Karen Zheng enjoy dishes from many different countries.

Below: IN ART CLASS, Freshman Gabriela Vaselli is hard at work creating a drawing.

Above: LIKE THE REST Of THE BAND, when working on a particular section of music, Freshmen David Brock and Manish Gupta must perfect their tone quality, fingering and dynamics.

Fine Arts

Where creativity counts!

Left: REHEARSING MUSIC for the upcoming Winter Band and Choral concert, Freshman and saxophonist Willie Gross blows away, while Sophomore Michael Greene has a rest.

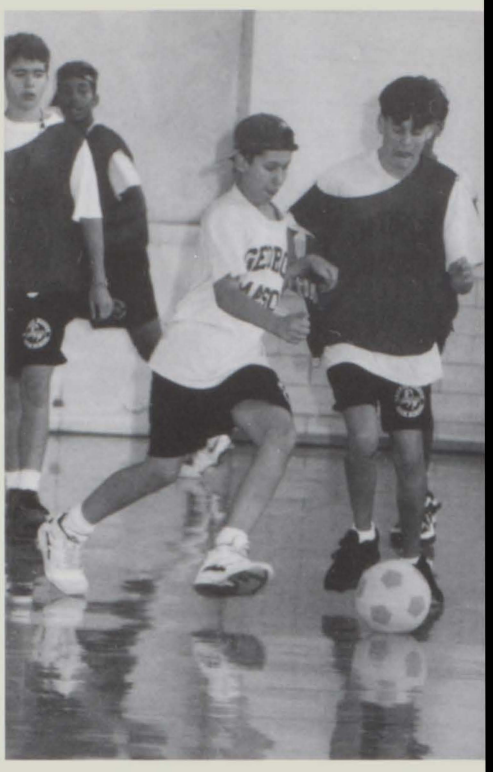
Left: GETTING INTO HIS DESIGN WORK, Senior James Wallace concentrates on achieving precision.

Art. It included a variety of different classes, such as Band, Chorus, Architectural Design, Media Arts and other fine arts. Over one half of the student body was involved in the Arts program at George Mason, and it's no wonder. Senior Maria Paljarvi said, "Drawing works as a great outlet when you're stressed out. Without Art, I don't know what I'd do." Senior Lauren Kramer-Dover agreed, "Singing sets my spirit free." George Mason was proud and appreciative of the artists who contributed so much to our scholastic community.

Left: IN ONE OF THE PRACTICE ROOMS over looking the Chorus room, Seniors Diana Dinerman and Eddie Anderson rehearse a song with Sophomore Erin McDonald.

Below: READY TO BLOCK a goal attempt by the opposing team, Sophomore B.J. Bain puts on his toughest face.

Right: GUYS VERSUS GUYS: Sophomores Jody Fellows and Josh Merinand their teammates battle for the ball.



Physical Education, Health, Family Life Education, and Driver's Education.

Let's Get Physical!

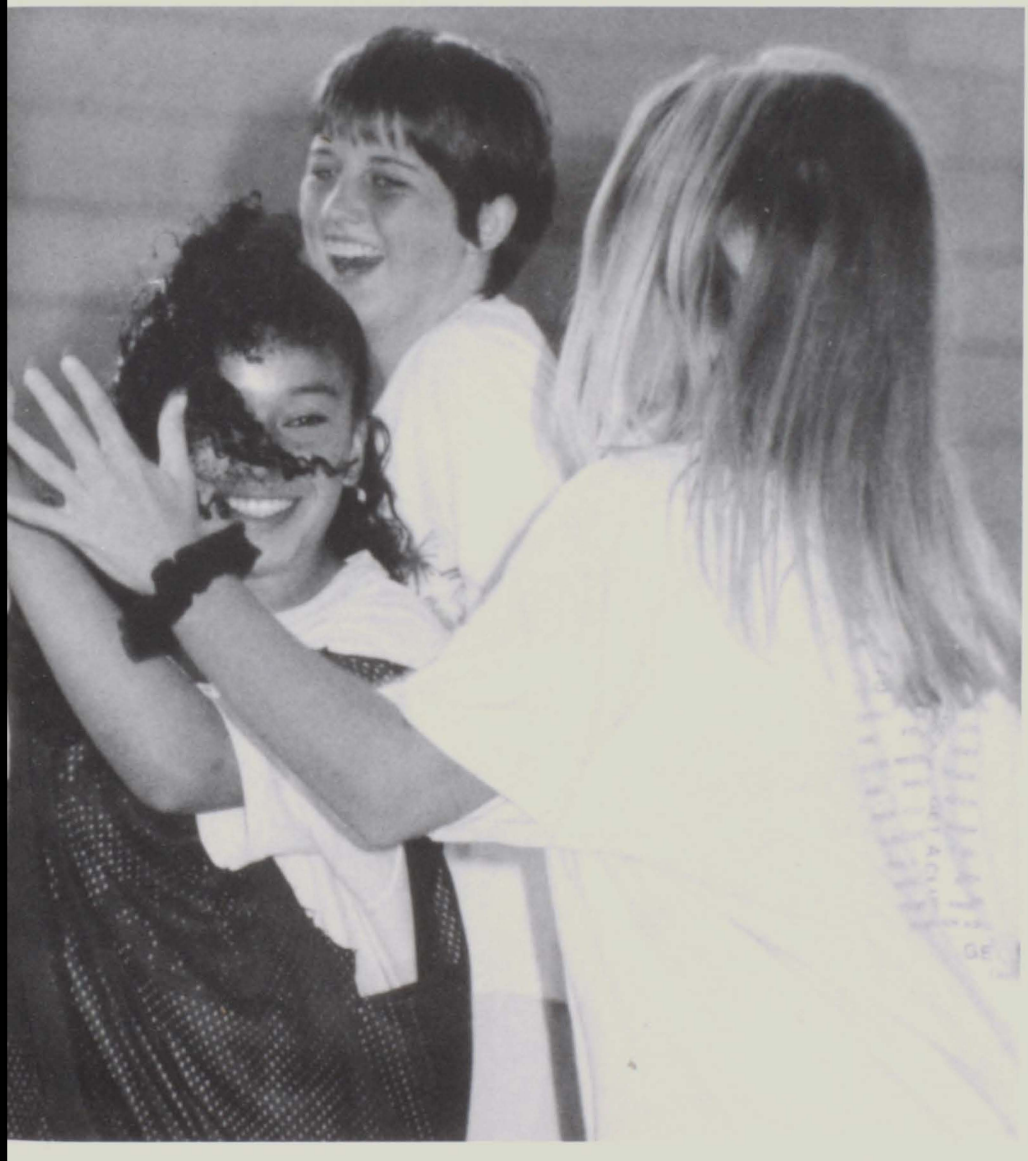
The ball was bouncing and cries such as, "Good try!" and "Get the ball!" could be heard from the GMHS gym during P.E. Freshmen and Sophomore students sweated for two quarters of the year playing games of basketball, soccer, One Bounce, and Wolleyball. Some recalled dressing-out with disgust and were glad to say good-bye to P.E. at the end of the year. Yet, nothing compares with a good game of Murder Ball to let out stress!

Health, Family Life and Driver's Ed.

Freshmen and Sophomores only had gym for two quarters. But the rest of their time was spent in Family Life and Health (9th grade) or Driver's Ed. (10th Grade). Shouts of "Annie! Annie! Are you okay? Help!" could be heard as students tried to revive the resuscitation dummy. Under the attentive eye of Mr. Gambill, Annie was successfully rescued many times. And Coach Spiridopoulos had plenty of stories and advice for the future drivers at George Mason. Teaching driving safety is as important as driving itself.

Left: EAGER BEAVERS, are what the Sophomores were in Driver's Education class. Everyone looks forward to the day they receive their license and a car. But in order to get their license, the Sophomores had to pass Spiro's class first.

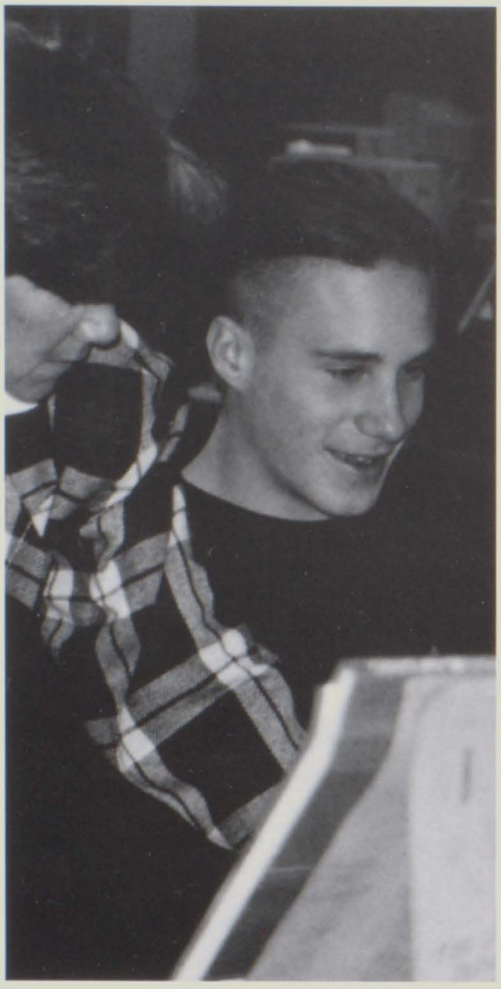
Below: ANTICIPATING THE CATCH, Sophomore Katie Speir is poised to grab that indoor soccer ball!



Above: "AUGH!", grunt Junior Bethany Day and Sophomore Stacey Brown. Airborn, they both collide, while attempting to catch the ball.

Left: ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE of an indoor soccer game, Sophomore Glenda Lopez wrestles the ball away from the opponent as fellow Sophomores Margarita Bosa and Julie Noone look on.

Below: JASON FERRARI taking keyboarding tips from Mrs. Schaefer.



Above: WORKING DILIGENTLY, students in the Print Shop concentrates on the printing of the school Newspaper, The Lasso. With the watchful eye of Mr. Sheedy, all of the items printed by the students in Print Shop are quality products.

Vocations and Arlington Career Center

It's A Hands-On World!

Left: Sophomore Danielle Hoetmer always finds time to hang out with her little buddies during Child Development.

Below: AN APPRECIATIVE GLANCE from Sophomore Karina Sorto is all it takes to brighten little Victor's day.

Fingers were kept busy during Vocations classes. Students put their skills to work by cooking, typing, printing, and taking care of children.

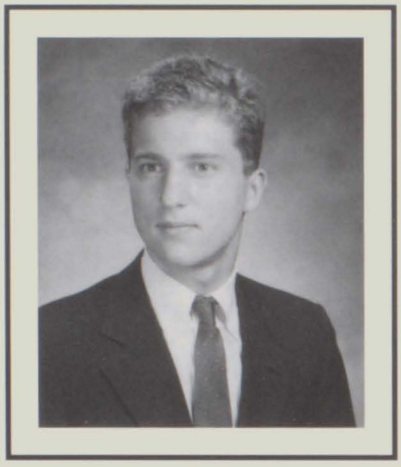
Did you ever wonder how useful your classes would be to you after graduation? Many people had no doubt in their mind how their Vocations classes would be useful. In today's world it was crucial to have these skills in order to be successful. The teachers were ready to help the students get to work and use their abilities in a positive way.

Vocations classes were known as some of the most enjoyable classes because students got a break from lectures and note taking. These classes helped to prepare students for the future. It was an option and a challenge that many students chose to take.

Although the Career Center was the only one of its kind offered to high school students on such expansive level, it had yet to receive that well deserved notoriety. The academic reputation not only included an outlook into professional occupations, but also included courses on the college level, and even as much as three college credits or advanced placement towards certain majors. The curriculum was inclusive of college bound individuals interested in the areas of engineering, fine arts, medicine, or business. Although the courses remained unweighted and lasted for two periods, students were encouraged to explore the endless opportunities offered by the Career Center.

Left: JOURNALISM STUDENTS and The Lasso contributors, Seniors Laura Chaves and Adrienne Sedei make use of the school's new computer lab to type up stories for the paper.

In Memory of Adam Jarret 1974-1993



If there's anything more painful in life than losing a child, I can't imagine it.
The untimely and tragic death of Adam Jarrett, a 1992 graduate of George Mason High School who I had the privilege to teach in both English and Journalism class, has brought this painful reality home to his wonderful family and to his friends and teachers.

At Adam's funeral, many of his friends and relatives spoke of him in ways more eloquently than I ever could. They particularly spoke of his extraordinary sense of humor and love of life.

I remember Adam and his sense of humor well. Two nights after he died, I went into school to sift through my files, and found Adam's folders of papers that he had written for his junior and senior English classes. Among these papers, most of which were serious analyses of *Moby Dick* and *Crime and Punishment*, were scattered some of the funniest creative stories you've ever read. Adam--such a great name, as Reverend Nissen pointed out during [the] church services--was a vibrant young man who saw life with a special perspective; the one that tells you life doesn't always have to be as serious as adults often make it out to be. This is a lesson that Adam's young friends have cherished because for them it has been a permission giver and a lesson that many adults are envious of because we have yet to learn it.

Current high school principal Bob Snee had also referred to this sense of community in his reminiscences about Adam. Said Snee, "I've come to speak on behalf of the George Mason school community--Adam's community. It is a community which includes the Jarrett family and so many others here to join in this celebration of Adam's life. Today we invite those of you from other places to be a part of our community as well."

To know that this is true, one only need look at the actions of Adam's friends in the hours following the news of his death. These friends, scattered all over the state and country in various colleges and universities, made an immediate pilgrimage to Falls Church to be together, to pay tribute to their friend, to comfort each other as well as Adam's family.

....that community of kids, looking decidedly older and more mature... because the death of a young friend has a profound effect on everyone, did themselves and their lost friend proud. And in so doing, they personified the idea of community. And they did so without thinking and without consulting a dictionary to define the concept of community. They did it naturally, because these young people intuitively know what community is and they intuitively know how to make community work.

--By Michael Hoover
The Falls Church News Press

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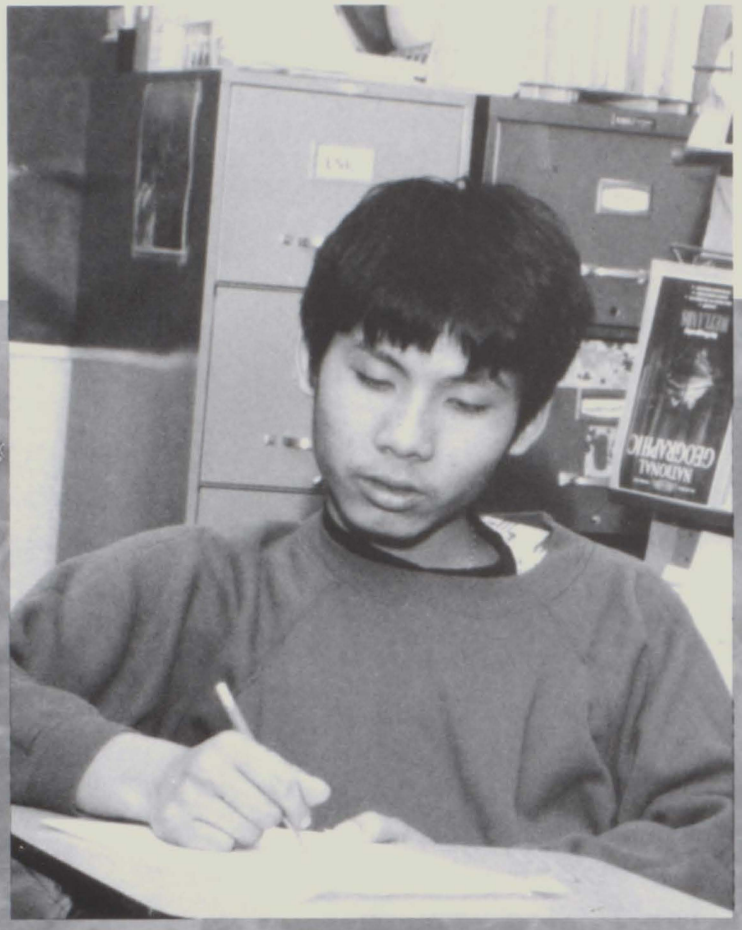

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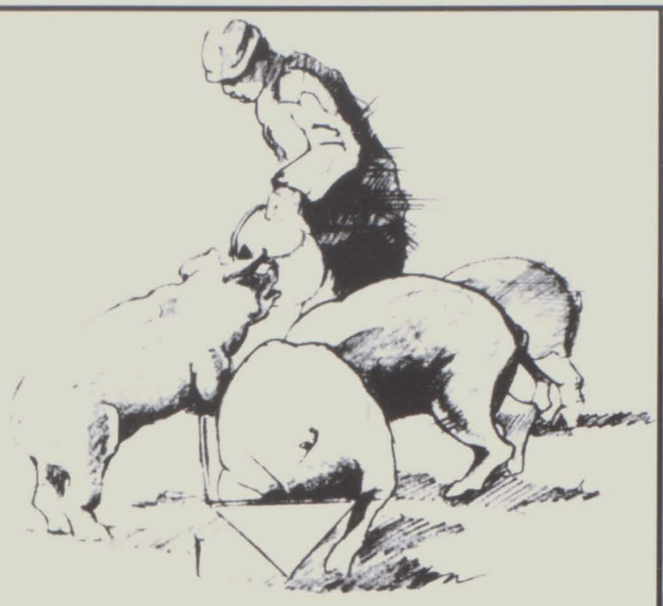

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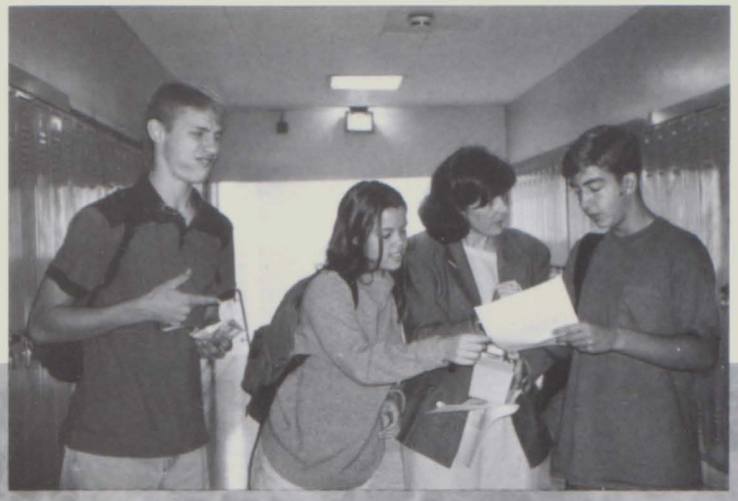

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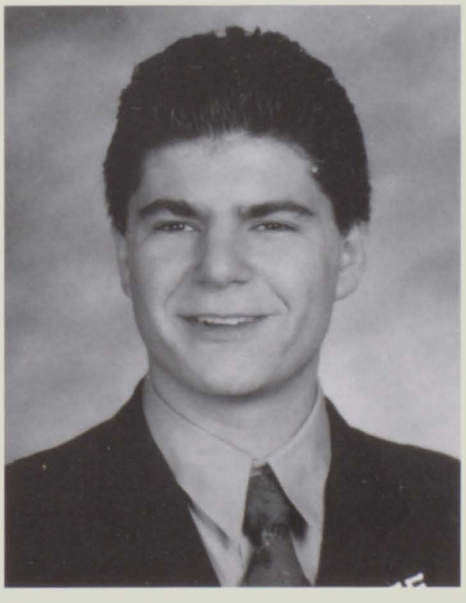

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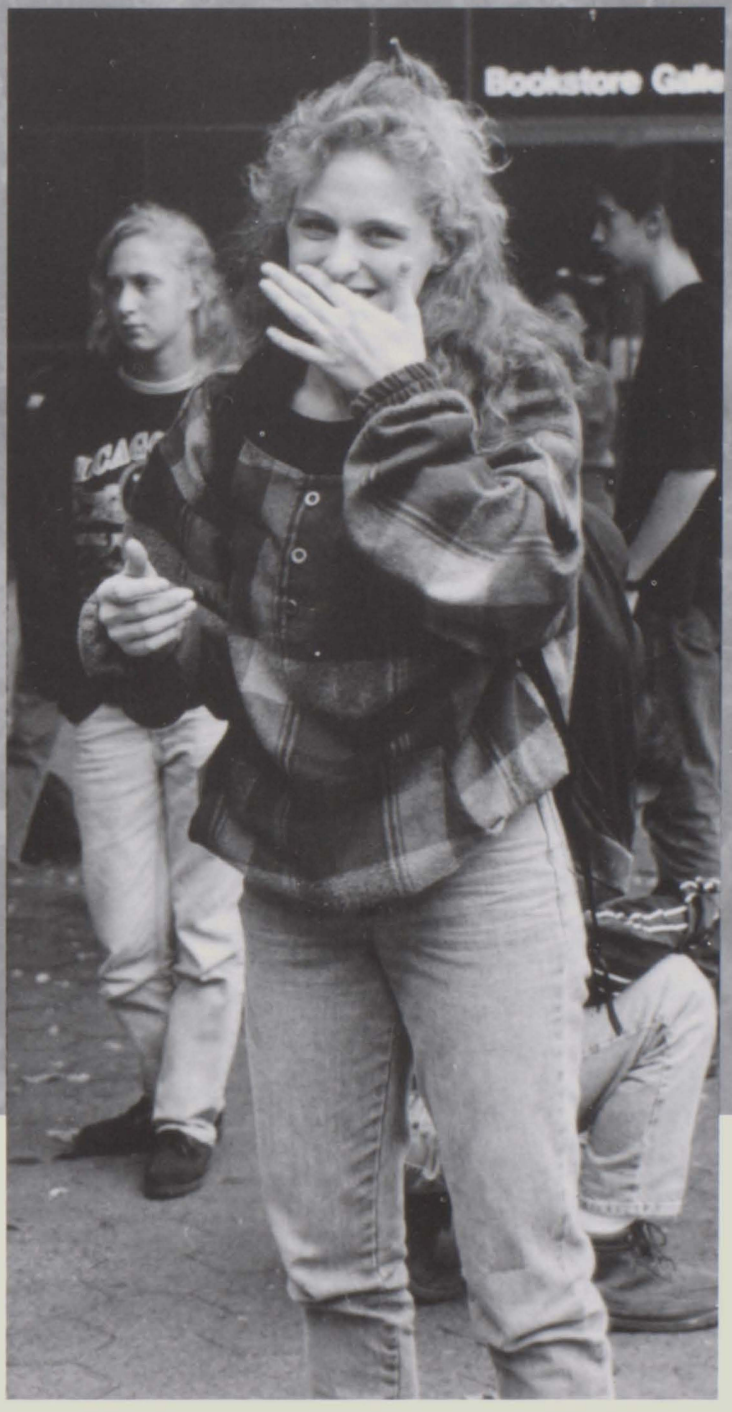

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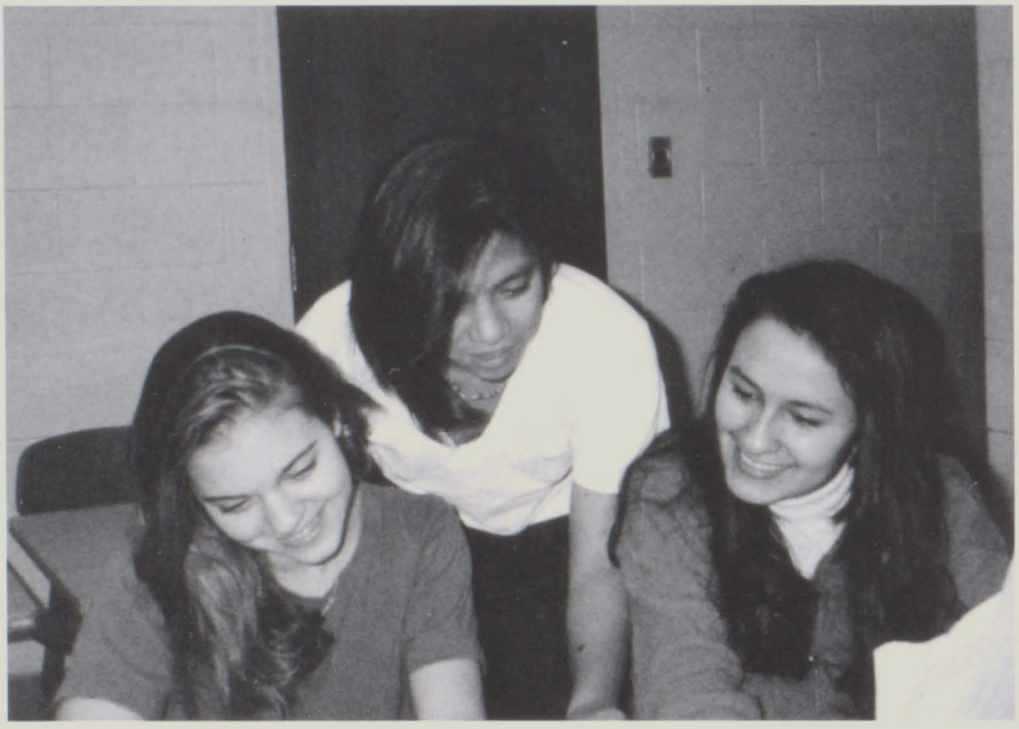
Laughter:
The Best Medicine!

We've heard it before, and we'll hear it again. But it's a proven fact: Laughter is the best medicine. Whenever someone tried to cheer us up, the first thing they tried to do we make us laugh. With friends, classmates, and even teachers, we laughed until our sides hurt. Laughing was the best thing to do on a rainy day, or when we were bored in class. Some people even used laughter to get through a scary or nervous situation. And finding something to laugh at at George Mason was never a hard thing to do. Through all the roof "leaks", mud puddles, icy sidewalks, and "snow" days, G.M. students used laughter to keep their spirits up. Laughter: It really is the best medicine of all!!

Right: GREETING THE PHOTOGRAPHER at the door is Junior Grace Chae. Grace was the Assistant and Student Life Editor for the 1994 Mustang.

Below: CHOOSING THE PERFECT PICTURE is hard to do. But Juniors Natasha Zelensky and Cathy Bautista show Senior Mariel Goyonaga their ideas. Cathy was the Assistant and Computer Editor, and Mariel was the People Editor for the Yearbook.



LONG WEEKENDS

. . .And Late Nights for the Mustang Staff!

To the 1994 Mustang Staff:

Thank you so much for all your time and effort. You have worked really hard, and dedicated a lot. I know that I asked a lot of you this year, but I knew you could do it. And you did. It all paid off! This is the best yearbook ever, and it's all because of your work.

I want to wish you the best of luck next year. You can do anything if you really want to. I'll miss you guys so much, but I'll be back to visit often. Again, good luck to next year's Editors-In-Chief, staff, and advisor.

-AMIE

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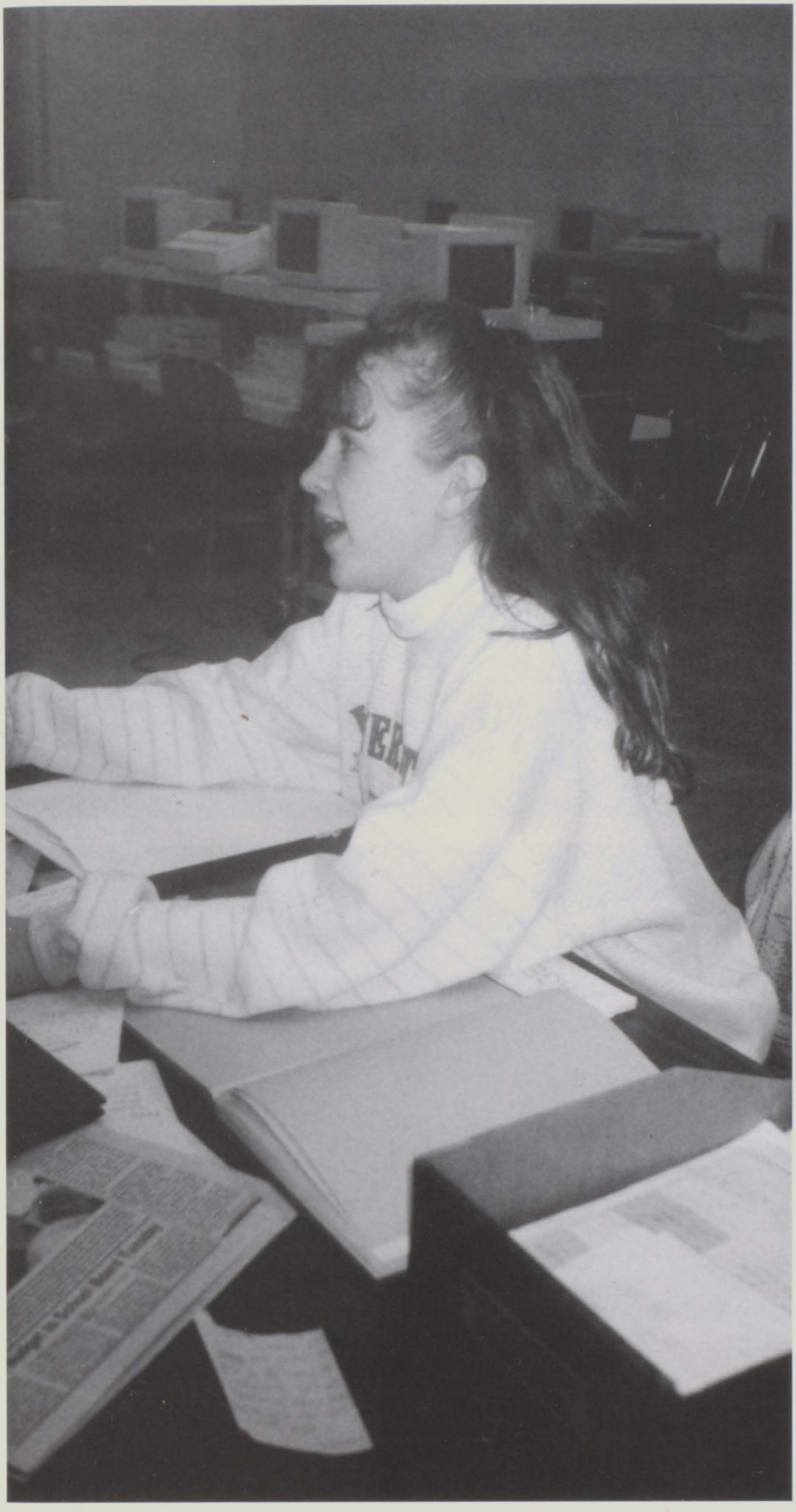
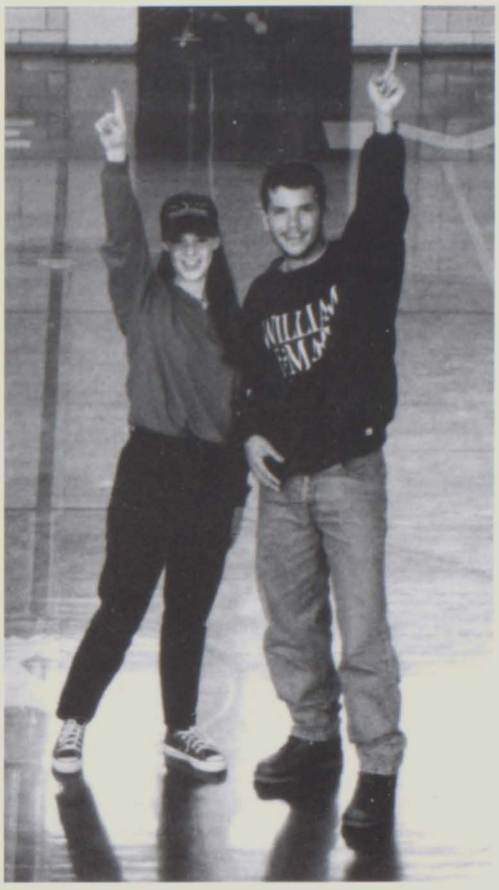


Below: "NUMBER ONE" say Seniors Diana Dinerman and Chris Dietz. Diana was the Head Photographer and Chris was the Sports Editor.

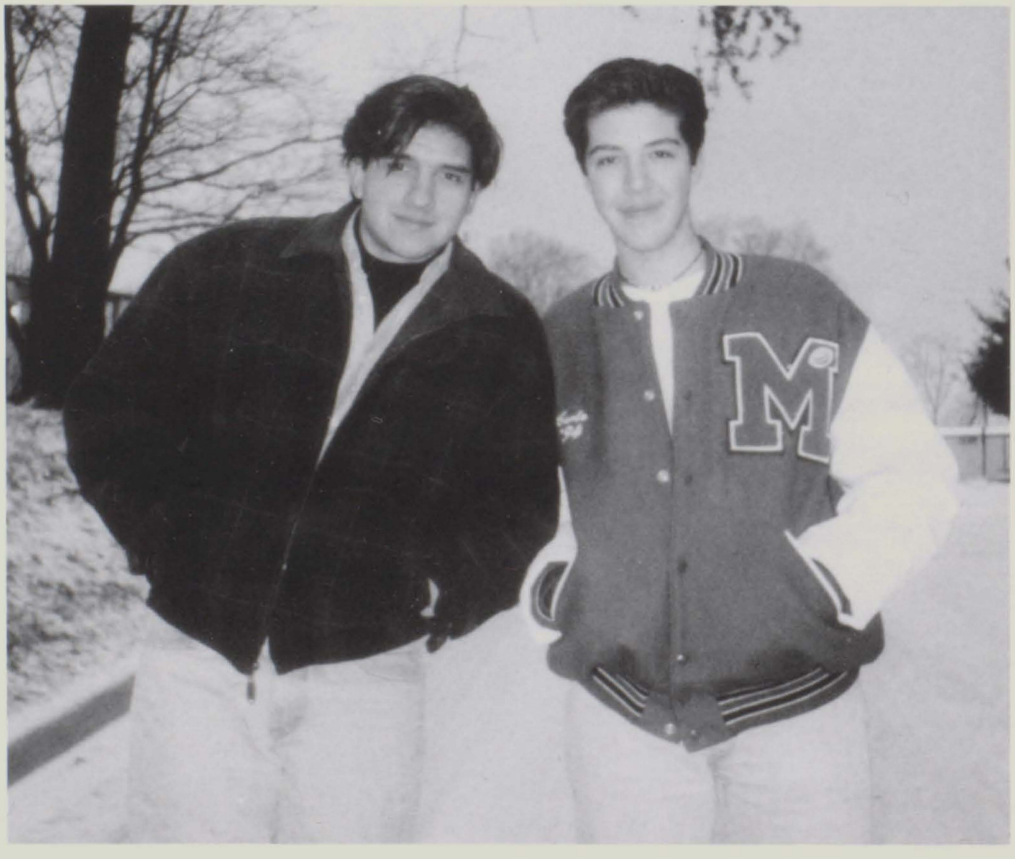


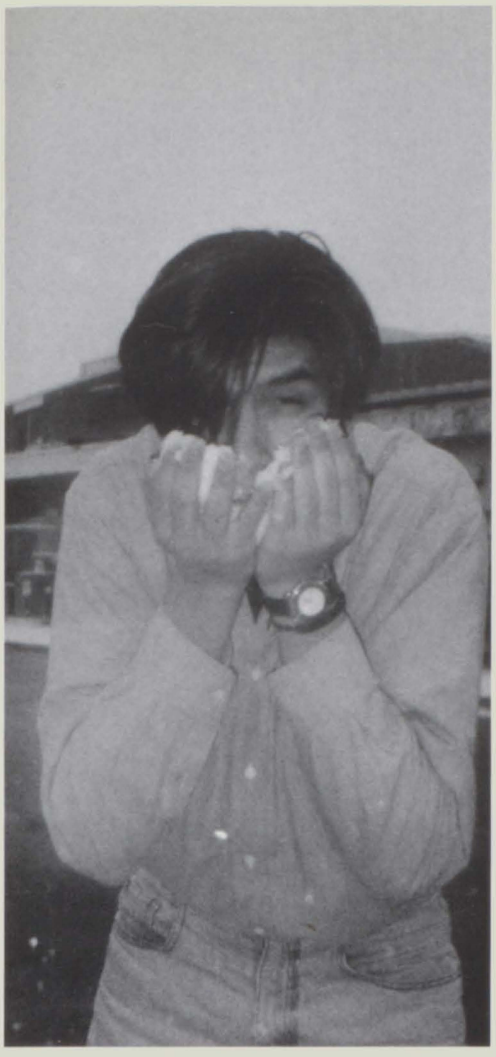
Above: GIVING A SMILE is Junior Sharon Eldridge. Sharon was the Academics Editor for the Yearbook.

Left: ALWAYS WORKING is Senior Amie Camden. Amie was the Editor-In-Chief of the 1994 Mustang.

Above: Amie's thoughts--"He's sooo cute! What an Italian babe! I wonder if he likes me?" Carlo's thoughts--"I'm cold. I sure wish she'd give me my jacket back!"

Right: IN THE COLD are Rodrigo Gomez and Carlo Ferrarini. George Mason will never be the same without them.

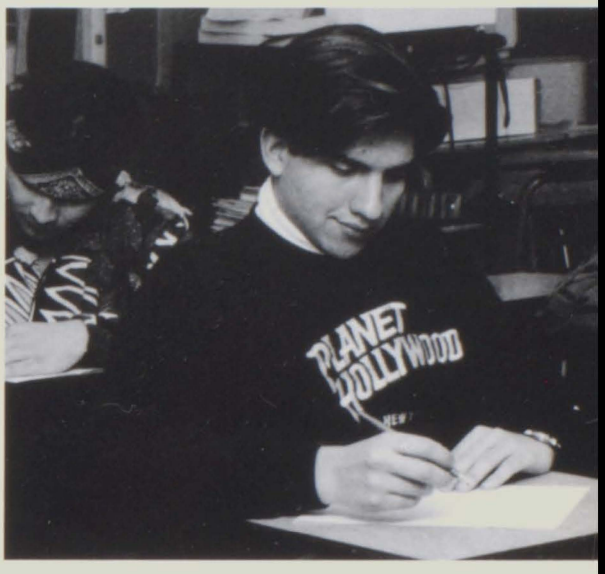




Left: "DON'T KISS THE SNOW, YeYo!" Obviously overwhelmed by the sight of snow, Rodrigo (affectionatly called YeYo) grabs a handful and blows it on the photographer. YeYo, Carlo and Burak were known for their attention grabbing personalities.

Left: "WAKE UP, Carlo!" Sometimes known as a joker himself, it looks like Carlo got a joke pulled on him.

Below: LEARNING ENGLISH takes patience and time. Yeyo Gomez is working hard to pass his test with flying colors.



CULTURE!!

. . .ours and theirs

Turkey! Argentina! Italy! Every year George Mason participates in the exchange program, introducing new students from around the world. Exciting as it is for the exchange students to stay in the United States, it is just as exciting for G. M. students to get to know them. Carlo Ferrarini, from Italy, is quite an amusing character who seems to have adjusted well to G. M. life, "The experience that I'm living is the greatest adventure in my life: one year of opening my mind and heart to others. There is a little worry, of course, and some fear, but this is a fundamental experience that everyone should have!"

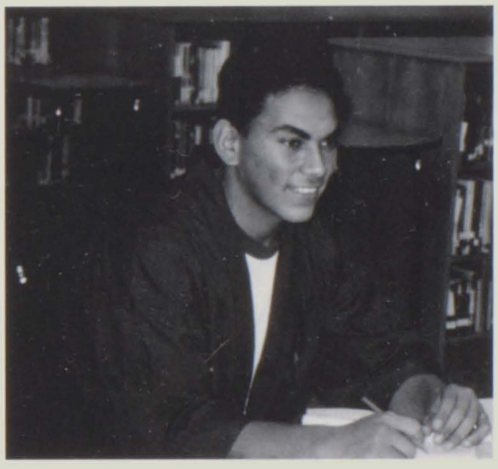
Among the other exchange students are Rodrigo Gomez, from Argentina, and Burak Kaplanoglu, from Turkey. It was not difficult to get to know them, considering that they are all outgoing and friendly. All three young men made their mark in George Mason history, no one will ever forget them.

"I will never forget you." -- Rodrigo Gomez

GRADUATION!

When it's all over and done with...

Where will we go? The day finally arrived when we held our diplomas in our hands and flipped our tassles. We didn't look different, but we were different. As we turned the page to a new chapter in The Book of Life, something happened. We were no longer silly, crazy teenagers; we were (silly, crazy,) serious adults. It was time to move on, using the past to build a future. Though we went our separate ways, we stayed together in our hearts.



YOU'RE OUTTA HERE! It's time to pack up and move on to the future. You began here, you hung here, you competed here, you achieved here, and now you're outta here!